

1877

Jan. 1st.

New Year's Day, and a holiday.

A snow-storm set in at 10 a. m, and fell thickly all day & night.

Jan. 2d.

The snow was so deep. I could not get to the Gallery before 10 o'clock. A heavier snow had not fallen for years.

Rehung the "Niagara" & other pictures.

No mail this morning. Wrote to Mr Bland of the Metropolitan Museum of Art N.Y. for two photos of "Napoleon," for Mr Walters, to be paid for.

Wrote to Mr Clark architect of the Capitol to call & give us his opinion of the strength of our floors, for bearing the "Napoleon.

Wrote to Mr Loomis stating that the Art Committee declined purchasing his pictures – also to Mr Seltman allowing him to bring his bas-relief for examination.

Telegram from Harazuchi to telegraph to Mr Yaye in New York when the Japanese goods come. At 1 ½ p.m. 2 cases of Japanese articles arrived, but contained only the musical instruments which are presents; will not telegraph to Yaye until the bought articles come. The musical instruments are very unique.

Dr Hall came & admires the new arrangements of pictures & suggests that Mercy's Dream be placed over Mr Corcoran's picture.

Visitors 180 Catalogues 15 \$3.75 Photos \$3.00

1877

Jan 3

Cloudy very cold, & signs of another snow, though but little of the last fall, has melted.

Letter from J. J. Buchey Phila. enclosing another adverse decision against the Elkington articles being passed free, & reasons as absurd as his former ones. Saw Asst. Secy French, & Mr James, & showed them Elkington's volume, and pressed upon them the fact that the articles are of a bronze basis, that they are to consider the matter again, & write to the Phila. C. House. Wrote to Mr. B.

Sent to the Depot to inquire about the Japanese vase &c.

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Visitors 39 \$9.75 Catalogues 2 50cts. Photos. \$5.75

Jan. 4

A very cold night, & no thaw to-day – the sleighing fine.

Cattle piece De Haas

Letter from Myers & Hedian Balt. stating. that by permission of Mr Walters, he had sent to this Gallery by express yesterday, a cattle-painting by J. H. L. De Haas, Brussels, for exhibition & sale. Picture arrived before noon. It is a coarse group of Dutch cattle a bull & two amatory cows – painted in a broad rigorous style, but lacking delicacy – repose or rural feeling, such as a cattle picture ought to have – otherwise it is stock yard group. The coloring is cold & coarse, in the French vein. I hope this is not to be bought for this gallery.

Mr Architect Clark called to give us his professional advice about the strength of the gallery ^floors^ to bear “Napoleon”. He thinks that if it would be very hazardous to place the statue in the middle of the Main Gallery. He thinks it might rest over the supporting wall partly, but even then it would be necessary to remove the flooring which is too thin, & place heavier timber x there under the statue. He prefers the position in the vestibule of the Sculpture Hall where the Venus of Milo stands as the floor there is supported by the walls of the furnace beneath. He will be here tomorrow or next day.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called. He does not like the Fruit-pieces – particularly the one once owned by Mr Walters & for which he got \$1500 from Mr Johnstone. He does not remember anything about that picture of Osceola's wife – wishes the owner to call & see him.

Dr Hall called, also Miss Mary Jones & Miss Randolph. The former got her photographs, & the latter leaves for Va.

The Japanese goods in 4 boxes arrived at 3 ½ p. m. & were opened.

Visitors 333 Catalogues 17 \$4.25 Photos .75cts

Jan. 5th.

Bright and very cold.

The contents of the Japanese Boxes prove interesting. The Vase is a very fine specimen of decorated bronze, inlaid with gold, the foliage, birds, waterfalls, rocks &c are executed exquisitely. Unfortunately we have no description of it, & I have written to Mr Yaye in New York for one. The Lacquer boxes are far superior to the first lot.

Hung the Cattle-piece by De Haas in the east gallery it looks better there.

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Letter from Mr Walters enclosing photo of the De Haas & a list of his titles honorary, & recommending the purchase to the Gallery. Wants to know when the

Mrs R. T. Merrick & Mrs Raeburn N. Y. called & went through the Gallery.

Mr Williams sent the portfolio-stand- an excellent one.

Visitors 51 \$11.25 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos 25

Jan. 6

Letters from Mr Buchey sending address of the Japanese Commission in New York, and expressing ignorance of where the Vase &c are.

Letter from Mr James Chf. Clerk of the Custom Bureau Treasy Dept. enclosing copy of a letter from him sent to the Phila. collector, instructing him ~~to~~ as to the character (bronze) of the Elkington articles, as described by myself, and asking him to make another decision, which shall be final.

Mr Riggs introduced a Mr Max Wood U.S.N. to whom I gave a card of admission, as he wishes to sketch from the work.

Mr Architect Clark called this morning and after a while Mr Riggs came in, & a consultation was held as to the future position of the "Napoleon", the strength of the floor &c. The position in the vestibule of the Sculpture Hall is considered best in every way. The furnace-wall beneath is an admirable support to the floor. I propose to remove the Venue of Milo & the two states behind it, leaving the whole space for "Napoleon". Mr Riggs is to advise with Mr Walters about it, and decide upon the position by Tuesday.

Mr Knox (Express) called & stated that the "Napoleon" was at the depot, where it will remain until Tuesday.

Mr Riggs explained somewhat the Japanese Vase. The upper part containing a cauldron of brass, holds fire & above that is a perforated section to hold spices for incense.

Wrote to the Japanese minister to call & examine the Vase &c. I wish to get further explanation of it.

Send telegrams to Yaye & Harazuchi New York to ask know where the screws of the vase are? Wrote also to them about information of the meaning of the vase, its designs &c.

Wrote to Mr Buchey Phila. & to Mr Walters Balt.
Mr Knox is to bring "Napoleon" from the Depot on Monday.

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Weather cloudy & a fine hail- 3d. day of the Sleighing Carnival, and the streets are filled
with sleighs full of fantastically dressed revelers.

Visitors 337 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos \$5.00

Jan. 8

Cold weather and icy streets.

Finished my Annual Report.

Telegram from Mr Walters. Will be here to-night.

Communication from Gibson Bros. ^to the Trustees^ containing bill for items of errors
against themselves in 4 editions of the catalogue and asking to be paid the amt. \$220. -
\$55. for each edition. Saw Dr Hall about this, & at his suggestion I consulted Mr.
Waters, printer to the Navy Dept. who on examining our catalogue declared it was a
piece of typographical work far beyond ordinary execution & fully worth the price of 15
cts each—which if Mr Gibson's back-claim is allowed, would be the price per copy. Saw
Mr Gibson who said the back-claim for all the press-work omitted in his four successive
bills. I learned from him that Mr Walters had inquired in Baltimore whether the
Catalogue could be got up cheaper, & from Mr. W. not having said anything about it, I
judge that he was satisfied the catalogue could not be printed cheaper.

Messrs Walters & Riggs came in. The former liked the new arrangement of pictures, &
consented to the proposed location for Napoleon in the vestibule of the Sculpture Hall,
because there was none other.

De Haas' Cattle piece

Mr Walters expressed a desire that the Gallery should buy the DeHaas. The original
price was \$5,000, but thinks it ought to be bought for \$3,000 or \$2,500. It was in the
Centennial Exhibition. Several of the artist's pictures are sold in Baltimore. Mr Avery
bought one.

Visitors 39 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Board met at 7 ½ & transacted the usual business, with the presentation of Reports,
Mr Carlisle the only Trustee absent. Mr Corcoran was present. The present officers were
re-elected.

Professor Henry presented for perpetual deposit, on behalf of the Smithsonian Institute a
copy of the "Monuments des Mittetalters, unde der Renaissance."

It was ordered that the Curator pay all amounts not over \$5,00.

\$100 was voted for the Curator's Contingent Fund.

A vote of thanks ordered to the Kiri Kosho Company for the present of musical
instruments.

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The Gallery is to be open every Thursday night= from Jan. 18th.

Mr Walters offered a resolution giving me a copy of Appleton's Cyclopedia which I asked for in my Report. Defeated.

The Curator's report was read & accepted, & he was requested to write the Kiri Kosho Company expressing the thanks of the Trustees for the Musical Instruments.

Mr Walters stated that he will send me an explanation of the Japanese Vase.

Jan. 9.

Bright & cool- but pleasant.

Mr Clark called & on hearing that the Art Committee had decided to put Napoleon in the rear vestibule gave directions to the carpenter about sinking the platform & then sent Mr Miller to see what would be needed who will be down to move the statue (to be paid by us) & also the requisite timber.

Arrival of Vela's "Last Days of Napoleon"

Mr Knox brought up the statue & pedestal by noon, leaving them on the side-walk until to-morrow.

Mr Corcoran sent up a letter to him from Elkington & Co. asking if Mr Buchey, our broker, was to be entrusted with forwarding the articles brought from them. Answered the letter & told him, I had understood they (Elkington) were to forward them to this gallery, & Mr Buchey had been engaged to get them through the Custom House. Answered it requesting that the articles be forwarded by Elkington & Co or their representatives.

Wrote to Messrs Matuao, Harazuchi & Yaye, extending thanks of Trustees to the Kiri Kosho Co. for Japanese Mus. instruments.

Visitors 307 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$3.75

Jan. 10

Bright & cool- good sleighing.

Note from S. A. Wallace Payson Ill. enclosing 25cts for stereoscopic view of Greek Slaves, & requesting list of Photos. Sent them in a note.

Letter from Miss Lottie A. Jones, Malden Mass. enclosing one dollar for a Charlotte Corday of medium tint. Sent it.

Letter from Mr Yaye New York. States that the man who packed the vase says he put the screws in the case. States his intention to visit Washington next week & will put the bronze together himself with new screws.

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Vela's Napoleon brt in the building.

Mr Miller & 7 men came at 9 a. m. to haul in & set up the "Napoleon" – Mr Thomas went to work also on the platform. Got both ~~statues~~ boxes, & the pedestal nearly ready for putting on platform.

Miss Emma P. Willett applied for privilege to copy paintings. Signed Regulations, & rec'd ticket.

Wrote to Mr Bland acknowledging photo of Napoleon.

Passed Dr Jouy's bill for Photos \$78.

Dr. Hall left a letter from W. Bradford stating his picture of "Polaris in ice", would be here on Jan, 12.

Messrs. Williamson & Herter N.Y. friends of Mr Walters called late (after 4 p. m.) yesterday & to-day.

Visitors 42 \$10.50 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos \$1.25

Jan. 11

Men at work early, but the carpenter had not the platform ready. I discovered that the revolving apparatus had to be placed on the platform, and it was necessary to cut ^the latter^ out deeper enough to hold it. This caused two hours delay. Mr Clark came in & at his suggestion a bed of plaster was put under the iron revolver. This advice is invaluable. At noon the pedestal was placed in position, and by 5 p. m. the sublime figure of Napoleon was upon it uncovered. It is a great prize!

Wrote to Mr Charles artist Pittsburgh Pa. stating that the Art Committee had declined purchasing his picture.

The letter from Mr Bradfor artist left here yesterday by Dr Hall is from S. Francisco & states that by ^his^ permission of ↑through↓ a friend he sends the "Polaris in Thank You Harbor" to be placed on exhibition on the Gallery. The freight on it is paid, but requests us to pay any additional expense on it until his arrival here by Feb 1st.

Wrote to Mr Darden University of Va. stating in reply to his card to Mr Corcoran, that neither he (Mr C.) nor myself could tell him the name of the process of making pictures he asked about.

Mr McCormack called to speak about the Bradford Arctic picture. It was his wife who got Dr Hall's permission to allow Mr Bradford's picture to be exhibited here.

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At 4 ½ p. m. the Napoleon was got upon the pedestal so far as to allow the box to be stripped, & the fineness of the light, & fitness of position at once struck us all & led to a round of applause.

Visitors 364 Catalogues 22 \$5.50 Photos \$9.75

Jan. 12

Men at work on Napoleon at 7 ½ a. m. Securely placed at 10 ½ a. m. Mr Clark present. Every body is delighted & impressed with the profound character of the work. Sent for Mr Bradley who with two men proceeded to clean it. Mr Riggs deprecated the use of acids in fact of anything but plain water, but I had Bradley to wash it well as it was very dirty.

Letter from Mr Cornelius agent of Elkington & Co. stating that he could not attend to the things brought by Mr Corcoran, & that all the Goods would be stored in a General Warehouse, the Main Building being in possession of new owners.

Telegraphed to Mr Buchey to know if a new decision had been made by the appraiser he replied none, but he had taken charge of the box of Elkington articles. Wrote to him by mail.

Inquired of Treasy Dept what news from Phila. C. House , Mr James replied none.

Wrote also to Mr Cornelius in reference to Mr Buchey's duties.

Sent an article to the "Union" on the "Napoleon" with lines from "Age of Bronze."

No. of Visitors 59 \$14.75 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$1.00

Jan. 13

Mr Bradley finished cleaning the Napoleon & the pedestal at 4 2 o'clock. It only needs now the walnut casing to the platform to make it complete.

My article on the statue in the "Union" has brought many to see it. It is universally admired.

Yesterday Mr Clark told me that Consul General (of Switzerland) Hitz was an acquaintance & countryman of Vela, & so I sent him an invitation to call & examine the statue.

Mr Hester & Mr Williamson of N.Y. called yesterday. I learned from the former that the difference between our "Napoleon" & that at Versailles, ~~was~~ is in the head – ours being more wasted. Mr H. also tells me that the original of the Three Charities is in oak! I never heard that such was the case. He says too that Barbedienne, bronze sculptor in Paris has the original statue of our Napoleon made by Vela, & that it was not more than 18 inches square.

Received to-day an interesting letter from Mr Church expressing his gratification that the "Niagara" was in such a resting-place, and expressing a hope that we would be able to visit Washington this winter.

Drs. Welling & Hall called.

Visitors 626 Catalogues 20 \$5.00 Photos. \$5.25

Jan. 15

Monday, rain with sleet.

Letter from Mr Buchey stating that he had stored the box of Elkington things, & was waiting for Appraiser's opinion. He says the Academy of Fine Arts are in the same position as ourselves, but its purchases are heavier.

Mr Thomas came & completed platform of "Napoleon".

Mr Taylor is to make estimate of the cost of a glass case for the Japanese articles.

Mr Yaye came in & said some of his people would be here to-morrow, & fasten the Bronze Vase. He thinks the Japanese lacquered porcelain Vases are very fine, & says the one in the Bronze Hall is very rare, that it will not be easy to get one like it. He gave some explanation of the designs on the Vase. He is a remarkably sprightly man, well-educated, & speaks English fluently.

Dr Hall called. Admiral Rogers also.

Visitors 14 \$2.25 Catalogues 2 .50cts Photos \$2.00

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Jan. 16

Weather mild & bright.

Letter from O. Marshall offering to sell Marshall's portrait of Lincoln. Answered it, "not buying pictures".

Mr Thomas finished platform of "Napoleon," & oiled it.

Mr Tawara of Japan came with other Japanese to set up the Japanese Bronze Vase, which was done. I found from him that there was a mistake in putting up the Japanese porcelain vase in the Bronze Hall. The upper porcelain section ought to have rested on the p base. Had it changed to the great improvement of it. One of its ornaments has been stolen already, & he promises to send us two or three setts of them. I learn from him that all his three vases are of the largest size he ever made – got up for the Centennial, & we may never ~~get~~ have such another chance to procure them. The one in the Bronze Hall he considers the finest. He has 350 men engaged in his Factory. They took their bill for the

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Bronze Vase, Lacquer Boxes, & Porcelain Bowl to Mr Hyde, and went off pleased,
leaving their cards & receiving ours, with a sett of our photographs.

Consul General Hitz – friend of Vela

Mr Consul General Hitz of Switzerland called & gave me much information about Vela.
He ↑Vela↓ is not only Swiss but lives in Ligernetto, Canton of Tessin & does not like to
be considered an Italian sculptor. Mr H. says he is about 50, has enough to live on, &
drinks a great deal of lager-beer, which makes him indolent. He thinks Vela got 40,000
francs for the “Napoleon” sold to Napoleon III. Mr H does not see the difference
between it & our statue – unless in the declination of the head.

The French “Napoleon” cut in 1866 exhibited in 1867 at Paris Exhibition

Mr Hitz presented to the gallery a copy of the Catalogue of the Catalogue of the Swiss
Department of the Paris Exhibition of 1867, where the first “Napoleon”, was first
exhibited, it having been cut in 1866.

Dr. Hall, Mr McGuire, & Mrs. Fred McGuire called.

Dr Barbarin went home indisposed.

Purchased a copy of Boyd’s Directory for 1877” – at \$5.00.

Mr. William brought estimate for the glass wall case- exclusive of back lining of rep -
\$65.

Miss C. P. Talbot enters as a copyist of casts.

Visitors 359 Catalogues 14 \$3.50 Photos \$8.50

Jan. 17

Cloudy and mild- snow nearly gone- afterwards rain & light snow.

Dr Barbarin not here to-day.

Put another portion of proofs of the new Catalogue in Gibson’s hands.

Dr. Hall, Mr Matthews & Rev. Mr Stuart called. Dr H. & Mr M. thought it as well to
accept Mr Williams’ bid for the vase (\$65.) if corresponding with former prices. Advice
the Japanese Vase to rest on a table, not a pedestal.

Mr Matthews sent me a Japanese catalogue of the Centennial articles. Dr Hall advises
me to see the pedestals at the corner of 11th St.

Got from Mr Matthews Japanese Catalogue, Centen Exhibition.

Miss Weston came & got a card for copying casts in a book.

Mr Clark Mills called & admired the “Napoleon” very much.

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At noon two large boxes arrived by Balt & Pol. Rl Rd. supposed to contain Mr Bradford's arctic picture. Had the lid of the one containing the picture unscrewed, & keep them so until the arrival from N.Y. of the man to shew them. Wrote to Mr McCormick of their arrival – Paid freight & labor \$2.15.

Visitors 48 \$12.00 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$2.75

1877

Jan. 18

Cloudy and raining – light snow of yesterday nearly gone.
Dr Barbarin appeared to-day.

Gave Mr Taylor order for the wall glass-case at \$ and called for estimates for a case for Japanese case.

Sent to Police Head Quarters for three policemen to attend to-night.

Dr Hall called.

Leak in Janitor's kitchen from the pavement of the alley.

Drew from Mr Hyde check for \$100.

Mr Hitz called & left photograph of the French "Napoleon." The face of it appears thinner than ours.

Got a copy of Mikado's Empire" from R. Beall for Mr Riggs.

Mr Bradley called with his bill which he took away to reduce.

Mrs. Bouleging & Mrs Gen. Starring called.

Day Exhibition

Visitors 202 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos .25cts

1st night exhibition

The night- exhibition was not crowded as usual. But the visitors were of the best sort, & the galleries were cool. Two policemen were in attendance. The light on the "Napoleon" was most satisfactory, & its lonely position considered to be most fit. It is universally pronounced the grandest sculptural work in this country, & of this age. "Niagara" also looked well by gas-light, Mr Riggs justly thinks the gas-lights in the upper gallery need reflectors. The light is principally on the upper pictures. Weather bad.

Visitors 525 Catalogues 24 \$6.00 Photos –cts

Day & Night 727 Day & Night 8.00 Day .25

Jan. 19

Cloudy & mild- Third anniversary of the Opening of this Gallery!

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Letter from Mr Bland of N.Y. Musuem of Art, acknowledging the receipt of 3
photographs from this Gallery. We did not send them.

Telegram from Mr Buchey Phila. stating that the Elkington articles were passed free, &
he would try to ship them to-morrow. Wrote to him.

Asst. Secy of Treasury Judge French called to see me & requested me to furnish
suggestions & propositions for a version of those parts of the Tariff Laws restricting
admission of works of art to Public Institutions. He seems warmly disposed to make
them liberal. It seems Judge Kelley of Pa. is interested in behalf of the Phila. Museum of
Art, and will push the matter through the House & Senate. Judge French presented to the
Gallery a copy of the Tariff Laws.

Miss Welling called & admired all the new works very much.

Mr Grant Perkin of Richmond brought card of introduction from Mr Calderon Carlisle.

Mr Clark sent bill for bringing in & placing Napoleon. \$36.00

Visitors 54 \$13.50 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$1.00

Jan. 20

Cloudy, raining & mild.

Letter from Mr Buchey stating that the Phila. appraiser had passed the Elkingtons as
bronze-work, & that if he reports on them to-day, they will be forwarded by express.

Rec'd the letter from Judge French which he wrote yesterday asking my suggestions for
revising the Tariff for free information of art-objects for Museums &c. This letter ~~he~~ was
erroneously mailed.

Bronze casts of Houdon's "Washington" in New York- Clark Mills.

Rec'd from National Fine Art Foundry N.Y. 218. 25th. St printed circular concerning a
bronze ~~b~~-casts from the original cast in plaster of Washington by Houdon, which once
stood in Mt. Vernon, & now (strangely & mysteriously) is in the hands of the above
Company. The original cast in plaster ~~wh~~ is the one which Clark Mills sculptor copied
for his Washington, & brought away, leaving one of his copies in place of it. Wrote to
that gentleman to call & see this circular.

Durand's "Ariadne"

Recd from Avery box containing Durand's engraving of "Ariadne", framed.

Rec'd box containing stretchers for Mr Bradford's picture also a catalogue of the Library
of the late Peter Hastie, & late Ed. H. Fracy. N.Y.

Visitors 305 Catalogues 24 \$6.00 Photos. \$2.25

Jan. 22d.

Monday – snowing, raining, & dismal.

Letter from Mr Buchey telling me that the Appraiser at Phila. had changed his opinion of the Elkington being free as bronze, & thinks they are of copper – thus again making them chargeable with duty. Wrote to him. Soon after rec'd from Buchey a telegram stating that the Collector had written to the Treasy Dept on Saturday, recommending the articles to be passed free, & advising me to see if the Dept. will telegraph collector to deliver them. Saw Mr French (Asst. Secy) shewed the telegram, but he had not received official letter from the collector, & until that arrives, can do nothing. Judge French shewed me the draft of a bill for free admission of works of Art &c to public permanent Museums, and I afterwards sent him a few suggestions about Majolica wood-carvings & tapestry, also requesting him to let me know the result of the decision on the expected letter from the Phila. Collector. It is a tedious, vexatious business!

Mr Menger of N.Y. picture-cleaner & frame-maker, came to set up Bradford's picture. Engaged Taylor & two men at 10 o'clock to assist him. Paid John Sumners \$1.00. The picture is a striking scene (polar) but lacks the character of a fine picture. Menger thinks the "portrait of a lady" no. 29 – a genuine "Lely". Dr Hall came in approves height of the pedestal for Augustus Caesar, which I suggested buying for \$15.00. Mr Corcoran is getting along well, but still confined to his house.

Mr Newcomer of Balt. called by request of Mr Walters to see the "Napoleon" – to inquire if it were photographed yet, and he likes the position very much.

Visitors 12 \$3.00 Catalogues 3 \$.75cts Photos \$25

Jan. 23

Letter from Mr Bland explaining that the photos received are those of Prisoners, Wrestlers & "Boy".

Pleasant letter from Mrs Shedd of Providence R.I.

Letter from Mr W.A. Baker, Auburn N.Y. asking where he could get a copy of the "Boy extracting a thorn". Answered.

Went to the Treasy Dept. & learned that ^an^ order would be sent to the Phila. Collector to-day, to pass the Elkingtons free. Wrote to Mr Buchey.

Judge French & son came & admired the "Polaris". The latter made me a present of a cast of his first sculpture representing a pair of owls asleep, and photos of his Endymion and cupid on the back of a sevakodr.

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Govr. McCormack called while I was out. He is preparing a description of the "Polaris" picture.

Mr Thomas brought the pedestals for the Japanese Porcelain Vases, & they were placed upon them. A great improvement every way.

Mr James Corcoran & Miss Jones called. Mr Corcoran is able to drive out. Dr Palmer U.S.A. called.

Mr Bradley brought his bill again, reduced \$15.50.

Saw Mr Riggs to get his consent to buying pedestals for Augustus Caesar. He declined as having no authority unless by formal meeting of the Art Committee.

Visitors 328 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos \$9.25

Jan. 24

Bright & cold with some thaw of the icy sheets.

Letter from Buchey, & at noon a telegram from him that the "Elkingtons" were shipped. Thank Heaven! —at last! It is now two months since I left Phila.

Mr Armor copying "Lost Dogs."

Gave cards of admission as copyists, to Miss Ballantyne and Miss Burnett.

Drs. Hall and Palmer called. Sent for Smilie to photograph Napoleon & other things. Genl. Eaton also called.

Sent Thomas bill & Bradley's bill to Mr Hyde.

A Mr Miller came with drawings (in profile) of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Shewed him the St. Memin portraits.

Dr Hall sent up a beautiful dark green paper mache pedestal for Augustus Caesar \$15.00 sent the bill to Mr Hyde.

Visitors 36 \$9.00 Catalogues 3 .75cts Photos. \$1.00

Jan. 25

Bright & mild.

Letter from Mr Buchey transmitting receipt for Elkington Case, by Adams' Express, despatched yesterday.

Letter from S. J. Kimball Actg Chief Clk Customs Bureau, Treasy Dept. transmitting copy of instructions to Phila. C. House Collector for the free entry of the Elkingtons. Acknowledged.

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Yesterday rec'd from Horatio King Esq a letter to him from Mrs. Oaksmith offering to the Gallery Chardin's portrait of De Launy (last Governor of the Bastile) for \$500 – or any liberal sum it may offer. Answer to be sent to Mrs. A.

At 11 ½ a.m. the box containing the Elkingtons arrived, in good order. They will rather crowd the Case containing the others, but when the new piece ordered (Shakespeare Sideboard" comes, they can be separated & placed in a case by themselves. These are the last of the Centennial purchases.

Governor MrCormick came with descriptive cards of the "Polaris." He states that its price is \$12,000. & that Mr Bradford has been seven times in the Arctic regions.

Gave Mr Hyde the imperfect bill for the Elkingtons rec'd from Mr Matthews in Phila.

Dr Hall came & approved my proposal to put all the Elkingtons in the Large Case. Senator Morrill & Mrs --- came in & examined the Gallery. The Senate was in session all night & at 5 a.m. passed the Electoral Bill. A bill was reported & referred in the House yesterday to pass all works of art free to fixed institutions of Art.

Visitors (Day) 600 Catalogues (Day) 31. \$7.75 Photos. \$7.75

Visitors (Night) <u>1585</u>	Catalogues (Night) 39 <u>9.75</u>
2,185	\$17.50

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Jany 26.

Burns Festival my accident & broken wrist

Last night while ascending the iron stairway of Masonic Temple with my wife to attend the Festival in honor of Robert Burns, I lost my balance accidentally when on the eighth step, and finding myself falling backward, by a desperate effort, flung myself sideways upon the stairs, & rolled to the bottom. I was not stunned, but one bone of my left arm was fractured near the wrist and the other dislocated. After a sleepless night & much pain began to improve under Drs. Busey's & Dr Lincoln's care. My escape from death or being mangled seems miraculous.

Sent some directions from my home to Dr Barbarin, but nothing of importance occurred at the Gallery.

Sold out all catalogues

Sold last of the Catalogues.

Visitors 63 \$14 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$4.25

Jany 27

Out of bed, but shaky & weak – arm quiet.

Report of Bureau of Education rec'd, & acknowledged.

Dr Hall called & joked me (at home) about the whiskey-punch at the Festival, but his fun was spoiled when he heard I had not got into the banquet hall. I fell while ascending the entry to the Temple.

Mr McCormick left \$11.95 for Mr Bradford's bills.

A Mr Petr. Dr. Nesbitt asked price of photos by Postal card.

No catalogues on hand

No catalogues (new) sent up.

Visitors 838 Photos. \$3.00

Jany 29

Monday. Not yet able to venture out.

Mr Bradford artist, called with three boxes holding pictures.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Mr McGuire called.

No catalogues sent up. Provoking!

No catalogues

Visitors 66 \$14.75 Photos ~~\$14.75~~ 6.25

Jan. 30

At 2 p.m. was able to go the Gallery, though weak, & somewhat nervous.

Mr Bradford called early & removed the three pictures. I did not see him.

Dr Hall, & Mr McGuire called.

No catalogues yet. Gibson has had them bound in Baltimore.

Visitors 616 No catalogues Photos. \$2.25

Jan. 31

Much better, & weather mild.

Met Mr Bradford first time. An interesting gentleman who has much to say about his career as an artist. Was a merchant until 21. Offended his father by his love of painting. Practiced drawing & painting portraits of ships in New Bedford: went 7 times to the

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arctic region, & made that his specialty in scenery. He seems to have mingled in the best artistic European society, & has been successful everywhere. Arranged about extra light from **argand** burners & reflectors on his "Polaris", (removed to the S. west gallery.

Subscribed to illustrations of Centennial Art.

Messrs. Filsen & Poole applied to have their pictures exhibited in the Gallery. Granted.

Repairs of roof, reported finished.

Some of the new catalogue sent up.

Mr Williams delivered case for Japanese Instruments.

New Catalogue

Visitors 79 \$17.25 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$6.75

Feb. 1st.

Thursday.

Gave card to Mr Houghton copyist.

Mr Bradford proposed to have row of lights in front of his pictures, attached to floor.

Messrs Matthews & Hyde objected.

Dr Hall brought a newspaper ^notice^ of a Washington by Gilbert Stuart.

Professor Henry called to see about Morse's letter referring to another Washington by Stuart. Told him I wanted to show it to Mr Walters. He assented.

Received more new catalogues.

Visitors 673 (Day) Catalogues \$2.25 Photos \$4.75

2220 (Night 22.00

2893

Feb. 2d

Friday.

Note from Architect Clark enclosing bill ~~for~~ receipted for services of men in setting up statue of "Napoleon."

Mr Bradford is allowed to put four argand lamps with reflectors attached over his picture.

Gave Miss E. Weston card for copying casts.

Paid \$5.00 for first ^vol of^ numbers of an illustrated catalogue of the Centennial Exhibition.

Visitors 66 \$16.25 Catalogues 15 \$3.75

Feb. 3

Saturday.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Sent to R. A. Semple Phila, a list of photos.

Visitors 592 Catalogues 41 \$10.25 Photos. \$3.00

Feb. 5

Monday. Cloudy.

Mr Smilie called to arrange for more photographs.

Profr. Henry called, & intimated he had other things to send over here for deposit, from the Smithsonian Institution.

Visitors 59 \$14.75 Catalogues 13 \$3.25 Photo \$1.00

Feb. 6

Tuesday. Bright and cool.

Letter from Mr Avery, requesting Church's picture "On Magdalena River" to be sent ~~for~~ to him, as the artist wished to retouch it- also saying that when acknowledging the print of Ariadne, I could write to him, or to Mr Durand in Paris. Wrote to Mr Avery, & sent off the picture, also wrote to Mr Church.

Bryant Vase

Letter from Tiffany & Co N.Y. enclosing proposal to sell a copy of the Bryant Vase to this Gallery -- \$500.

Gave cards for copying to Miss E. S. Smith, & to Miss F. Slocum.

Sent sketch of the recent additions to the Gallery to Appleton's Art Journal & sent Catalogue to Mr Church.

Visitors 550 Catalogues 27 \$6.75 Photos. \$5.00

Feb. 7

Wednesday.

Mr Bradford set up 4 burners & reflectors over his picture with improved effect.

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Rec'd Mr Fisher's "Christ" & Mr Poole's "Forest Scene", and hung them in the S.E. Gallery.

Mr Megatu, of Japanese Board of Education, came with note of introduction from Genl. Eaton. He says the ancient Japanese game brought here as described in a newspaper slip, by Mr. Jos. McGuire is the same, played with the board & men among those presented to us. He also sketched the stories illustrated in the two reliefs of the bronze Japanese vase.

Miss Welling called, & kindly expressed her sympathy over my accident.

Visitors 72 \$16.75 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 Photos \$4.75

Feb. 8

Mrs. Terrell called to inquire about the prospect of the Gallery buying the Pompeian cameos.

Dr Hall & Mr Galt called, also Mr Clark of Intr. Department.

There is to be an informal meeting of the Board at 8 p.m. to discuss several propositions. The Board decided by resolution to charge 10 cts for admission to future night-exhibitions in order to lessen the crowd, & keep out disorderly persons – also to turn over the proceeds to the Washington Art Club of this city, in deference to Mr Corcoran's wish. It was subsequently found that a passage of the by-laws forbade the expenditure of the funds of the Gallery to any but art purchases, & the expenses of the institutions. It was then ordered that the part of the resolution pertaining to the receipts be suspended. The Regulations for copyists were amended so as to make it necessary for each applicant for copy ^ing^ pictures, to send in a specimen of painting to be examined by the Art Committee.

Visitors (Day) 701 Catalogues 24 \$6.00 Photos \$8.50

Visitors (Night) 1903 Catalogues 56 14
2604 \$20.00

Feb. 9.

Mr Brumidi fresco-painter, called with a design in water-color which he proposes to put in fresco, on the ceiling of the Octagon Room. It is a copy of what is < . . > on the ceiling of a Roman Church by Raphael. Sent it to Mr Hyde to be shown to Mr Corcoran.

Secy Robeson called to see the "Polaris".

Made out a call for furniture chairs, spittoons, & tables, got Dr Hall to sign it & sent it to Mr Hyde.

Visitors 86 \$20.00 Catal. 12 \$3.00 Photos \$1.00

Feb. 10

Saturday.

Pedestal for Lacquered Porcelain Case sent here.

Visitors 793 Catalogues 27 \$6.75 Photos \$7.75

Feb. 12

Monday, morning mild—cold & windy at night.

Dr Hall called, and I made out the advertisements for charge of admission on Thursday nights.

Mr Bradford is to lend us a strong vertical light with reflection for “Napoleon”.

Visitors 62 \$14.00 Cats. \$2.25 Photos \$3.25

Feb. 13

Tuesday, cool.

Set up the Porcelain Vase in the ^middle of the^ Bronze Hall.

Mr Smilie asks leave to photograph Corday anew, in his own room, & I have consulted some of the Board to grant it.

Approved given to the call for furniture.

Visitors 543 Cats. 34 \$8.50 Photos. 22.25

Feb. 14

Letter from Miss Williams Salem Mass. requesting return of photos of Morelli's pictures & the Old Monk. Sent them by mail.

Mr Smilie came & took negatives (2) of Napoleon.

Mr Walters Junr. of Balt. called & said his father will be here on Thursday or Friday. He will send us a model of French method of hanging our Japanese Bowl.

Drs. Hall & Palmer (U.S.N.) Commodore Patterson & Gen Ramsay called.

Visitors 105 \$25.00 Catalogues 23 \$5.75

Feb. 15

Note from Professor Henry requesting a receipt for the work presented to the Gallery Jan. 8. Sent it. Came.

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Sent to Gorman to have the gas-tubes blown out. They

Mr Bradford had a reflector with six lights put above Napoleon, & one burner & reflector in the middle arch opposite.

Mr Corcoran having assented to "Corday" being sent away gave Smilie notice of it.

Bought 2 doz. spittoons, 1 ½ doz chairs.

Portrait of C. L. Clingman of W. Ca. by W. G. Brown sent up here for exhibition to the Board, by consent of Dr. Hall.

Profr. Henry & daughter called.

First night exhibition for 10 cents

The night exhibition was an agreeable success. The charge of 10 cts, made it select. The vertical light over Napoleon too broad – face too much shaded. When I extinguished it, the single light over the arch though too feeble, fell upon the figure at the proper angle.

Visitors (Day) ↑670↓ Catalogues 46 \$11.50 Photos. \$3.50

Visitors Night 869 Catalogues 62 15.50

\$86.90 2539

108 \$27.00

Feb. 16

Friday.

Mr Towles sent up 1 ½ doz chairs, Did not like his oak **Congress** chairs for desk. Prefer walnut ones.

Messr. Walters, Riggs & Mr Bradford Mr Walters assents to trying the Niagara on the north wall, & likes the idea of the light above the arch as the best for Napoleon.

It is thought a barrier will be needed in the vestibule on Thursday nights with space enough for one person at a time to pass the janitor.

Mr Smilie gave two negatives of Napoleon & one of Forced Prayer to Dr Jouy.

Ordered some more complimentary cards, to be signed by Mr Hyde.

Visitors 103 \$24.00 Cats. 12 \$3.00 Photos \$1.00

Feb. 17

Mr Taylor brought the table & case for Japanese bronze vase. Ordered clamps for Japanese Bowl.

Mr Corcoran, Mrs. ~~We~~-Pegram, Dr Welling & Mr James Corcoran called.

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Dr Jouy brought proofs of Napoleon & Japanese Vase.
Ordered 50 of each. Com. Patterson & wife called.
⌘ Visitors 568 Catalogues 30 \$7.50 Photos \$7.50

Feb. 19

Monday

Letter to Trustees from Mrs. J. Nelson requesting to have 2 pen & ink sketches (copies)
exhibited on the Gallery. Granted. Brown's portrait of T. L. Chigman also put in the east
Gallery.

Mr Smillie took new negatives of Japanese Vase.
Dr Jouy brought proofs of Napoleon & Forced Prayer.

Ordered 12 tables plain, without drawers for copyists from Mr Taylor.

Dr Hall came & discussed disposition of night exhibition Fund, which he says Mr
Corcoran wishes to turn over to the Art Club.

Messrs Hyde & Matthews are in favor of a barrier in the main vestibule on exhibitions
nights.

Rec'd a lot of printed cards for copyists, & complimentary.

Mr Hyde returned Brumidi's drawing and letter. Nothing can be done, & intimated it to
Brumidi in a note.

Gave a copyist's card to Miss Belle Walker – sketcher.
Visitors 41 \$10.25 Catalogues 3 .75cts Photos \$2.00

Feb. 20

Tuesday.

Mr Smillie photographed again the Japanese Bronze vase, and one of Porcelain lacquered
vases in the Vestibule.

Mr Taylor is ordered to make the barrier for vestibule.

Tested the gas-tubes after being blown out.
Mr Thomas at work on gallery lights.

Dr Peale (grand-son of C. W. Peale artist) called.

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Mr Larking Meade (sculptor) came and displayed a design for finishing the Washington Monument by placing a statue 70 feet high upon the present height of the work. with allegorical figures at the bases, & rooms to hold all relics & memorials of Washington.

Semmer < . . . > brought the clamps for hanging the Japanese Bowl – set it up, regrouped & massed the pieces of armor ^re^ placed that lacquered porcelain vase in the window & set up the Japanese bronze vase (in its case) where the other stood. These changes have vastly improved the Bronze Hall.

Dr J. C. Hall. called.

Visitors 400 Catalogues 25 \$6.25 Photo 25cts

Feb 21

Wednesday

Sent the painting of C. Corday to Mr Smillie under Dr. Barbarin's charge. It was returned after the Gallery closed a large & small negative taken.

Dr Hall & Mr Meade called.

~~Mr Bradford looked in, also Mr Corcoran, McGuire & Cook. Many visitors, strangers & children.~~

Mr Corcoran, nephew & Miss Jones came in. Mr C. explicitly requested me to inform the "Art Club" that the fund from the night-exhibitions (deducting expenses) is to be turned over to them. Mr Corcoran looks very feeble.

Visitors 76 \$19.00 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photo. \$1.00

Feb 22

Thursday a bright mild day – but no holiday.

Mr Corcoran, McGuire & Cook called.

Sent \$3.00 yearly subsn. for semi-weekly Post N.Y.

Messrs. Walters and Riggs came. Night attendance excellent.

The barrier worked well.

There was something wrong with the wires of the upper gallery lights at first, by contact with the wire connected with the sky-lights.

Visitors (Day) 1081 Catalogues 39 \$9.75 Photos. \$5.25

Visitors (Night) <u>658</u>	<u>26</u> <u>6.50</u>
1739	65 \$16.25

Feb. 23

Mr Walters of Balt. Brought a photo (instantaneous) of a submarine ~~expl~~ explosion at Willet's Point.

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Drs Hall & Tyler. Am to go ^at noon tomorrow^ with the former to see the pictures &c of the widow Tayloe, who intends to leave them on her death to this Gallery.

Card from Mr Tolwes stating that Congress cane chairs are \$12.00.

Visitors 91 \$22.75 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photo. 25cts

Feb. 24

Saturday – Rainy.

Mr Bradford removed his picture of the “Polaris” to the Capitol.

Mr Chamberlin’s man painted over spots on the gallery walls, the clamps of the Japanese Bowl.

Mrs. Tayloe’s Pictures &c

At noon went with Dr Hall & Mr Hyde to examine Mrs Tayloe’s pictures &c. She is the widow of Col. Tayloe formerly secretary of Legation to London. She is very aged but full of activity and intelligence. She is a good talker, & with a cane formerly belonging to Napoleon 1. pointed out the pictures &c, vivaciously describing them with anecdotes, as she led us from room to room of her large establishment, on the east side of Lafayette Square. The most valuable picture is a Washington by Gilbert Stuart – very finely finished – next to it in value, is the well-known head of Bishop White by Henry Inman, and a powerful portrait of a British Officer said to be by Romney. The other pictures appeared to be of ordinary merit. The venerable lady brought out several pieces of rare china that once belonged to the royal families of France, to Mrs Madison, Mrs Washington, and showed a locket with the hair of George Washington, also a gold-snuff box with cameo-top that once belonged to Caroline Bonaparte, & a bracelet once the property of her sister Pauline. Altogether she has a very valuable collection of such things besides her pictures. She frankly stated she intended them all for the “Corcoran”, but was **loth** to leave simply by ^a^ will, and wanted to have them secured to us, before her death. Old as she is, she is about to visit Europe, and lives in this large house alone with one son, & a servants.

Dr Jouy brought proofs of large & small Corday.

Spoke to Dr Hall about the necessity of having a permanent light for “Napoleon” at night.

Wrote to Mr Weyl artist to call here on Monday, about the Art Club fund.

Chamberlin’s man finished his work of repainting.

Visitors 296 Catalogues 13 \$3.25 Photos \$3.25

Feb. 26

Monday.

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Letter from Mrs Oaksmith offering DeLauny portrait for \$500. Wrote her that the Committee were buying no pictures.

Letter from Mr Volkmar, France to send his landscape to Mr Snedecor N. York, & promising to sent new etchings. Did.

Mr Corcoran's nephew & Profr of University of Va. called, & Mrs. Porter.
Dr Jouy brought proofs of the 2d. large photo of "Corday. It is the best.
Visitors 67 \$14.75 Catalogues 14 \$3.50 Photo \$1.00

Feb. 27

Tuesday.

Mr Riggs shewed me a photo of a Marine View/calm by **Chiys** of Holland sent to him by Mr Walters, & which the latter ^says^ ought to be in this Gallery.

Visitors 600 Catalogues 37 \$9.25 Photos \$11.25

Feb. 28

Wednesday

Chamberlin's man lettered pedestals & vases, & left at 2.p.m.

Wrote to Mrs. Oaksmith, "not buying picture".

Miss Henry & Mr Meades called. The latter particularly admired the Sculpture Hall, & told me that the late Luther Bradish of N.Y. while in Constantinople in an official capacity when the Venus of Milo was discovered, tried hard to secure it for this country, but failed because the French Ambassador was too quick in securing it, before Mr B. could hear from America.

Letter from J. H. Carson Va. to Mr Corcoran asking the privilege of photographing the likeness of a relative, the Hon. Jared Williams of Va. in Morse's picture of the Old Hall of Representatives. Granted.

Mr Corcoran rec'd a letter (sent up here for the consideration of the Art Committee) from Miss J. H. Harrison Brandon Va. enclosing an application of a friend to sell a picture in oil of a Fruit Girl 1628, now in Jarrett's Hotel, Petersburg Va. formerly belonging to Mr. James Cocke "Bon accord", whose eldest son preferred it to the family plate. Now must be sold, price \$2,500 \$1500 cash. Mr Hyde answered the letter.

Also two letters from Mrs. S. W. Beach, Hartford & Washington requesting that as photographs were sent to Princeton College copies might be sent to Trinity College Hartford, as it intends to open an Art Department someday. To be considered.
Visitors 59-2 \$14.75 Catal 3 75cts Photos 50cts

March 1.

Thursday. Bright and mild.

Ordered Green & Williams to send up 2 walnut arm-chairs for trial.

Wrote to Mr Volkmar France, stating I had sent his picture to New York to Mr Snedecor.

Admiral Poor. Maj. Elliott & sister visited our room.

At the night exhibition select & orderly attendance.

Genl. Beach, Mrs Beach & her sister Miss Wood, from Hartford Ct. were admitted early, being friends of Mr Corcoran. Miss Wood introduced me to her sister & General, & I escorted them through the Galleries. He is a distinguished looking, white-headed gentleman evidently much older than his wife who is of remarkable beauty & elegance of manner. Before leaving they visited our room to see the Corday photograph.

Visitors (Day) 675 \$5 Catalogues 39 \$9.75 Photos. \$3.00

Visitors (Night) 528 \$52.80 Catalogues 46 11.50 Photos 1.75
52.80 85 20.25 \$4.75

March 2

Friday. Rainy.

Church's "Magdalena River"

Letter from Mr Avery, stating he had despatched yesterday to us Church's "Magdalena River" repaired – that Mr Walters (then in New York) had seen & liked it. At noon it arrived and was found in fine order, the sky repaired by being repainted & the mountains & middle-ground scumbled so as to show a charming hazy effect. It is like a new picture. Wrote to Mr. C. & acknowledged the work. At one re-hung it in the Gallery.

Visitors 29 \$7.25 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$8.00

Mch. 3

Saturday. Bright & beautiful. The city is thronged with strangers thronging here to see Hayes inaugurated.

A delightful letter from Mrs. Shedd of Providence full of kind sympathy for my accident, and admirable criticisms on art matter. I regret to hear that she has been an invalid all winter- troubled with hemorrhage from the lungs. She is a devoted friend of this Gallery.

Dr Hall & Mr Hyde came to receive the gentlemen of the Convention on Education now held in this city, who appeared at noon headed by Genl. Eaton & Mr Wilson.

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By some reckless carelessness on the part of the 1 sweeper of the cast room, the bracket holding the bust of Menander was knocked off the wall, breaking the head short off the bust, but fortunately not injuring the face. Dr Barbarin will repair it.

Mis Bryan sent a copy of Healy's portrait of Danl. Webster by her, for exhibition, & will also send her copy of Healy's Peabody (George) the benefactor.

Dr. Jouy brought photos. of new subjects.

Mr Corcoran came in with Miss Robinson. He says he ~~too~~ is better in health, but he looks very feeble. He is anxious to get a good copy of Healy's Peabody. He inquired if the proceeds of the night exhibitions had been sent to the Art Club & was gratified to hear they were.

Visitors 1096 Catalogues 70 \$17.50 Photos. \$4.50

Mch. 5th

Monday- Inauguration Day & a Holiday.

Came to the Gallery as usual. My two children wished to see the military part of the procession, like myself caring nothing to see the out-going or in-coming Presidents, or any of their civic friends in line!

The morning was raw, cloudy with a sifting of snow, but brightened up at noon.

Rec'd receipt of N.Y. Post.

One applicant for admission to see the Gallery, was indignant because it was refused, he stating that ^he^ was a friend of the Honorable Fred Douglas! Many of these people from a distance have an idea that this institution is a sort of free Government building, which they have a right to enter at all times.

Mch 6

Bright & cool.

The Inauguration being over, there was a great throng in our galleries to-day—Many of them from the West, and some very unsophisticated. One well-dressed fellow repeated the oft-made queer query of why them casts (the Elgins) were never finished – or how did they get so broken!

Dr Hall, Mrs. V. Taylor & Mr Lamb of Boston called.

Accepted the new photos - & rejected several.

Visitors 1700 Catalogues 101 \$25.25 Photos \$16.75

Mch 7

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Letter from Mrs Wm. F. Hopkins, Liberty town, Frederick Co. Va. to the
“Commissioners” of this Gallery, wishing to know if Mr Corcoran would buy a copy of
Corregio’s Madonna & Child. Replied declining it.

Mr called to see a portrait of Com. Truxton “in a French work Mr Corcoran sent
here”. supposing he alluded to a work in French, & not knowing of any such work here
with such a portrait, I told him there was some mistake about it. He said Mr Fred.
McGuire said it was here. Just after he left, I thought of the St Memin Portraits which
really is a French work so far as its contents really is a French work so far as its contents
are the work of a French artist.

Mr Joseph McGuire called.

Mr Hyde read to me the deed of sale (inform) of the pictures & other objects of art
belonging to Mrs. Tayloe to this Gallery, to secure them after her death, & signed by her
heirs.

Green & Williams sent up 2 walnut chairs for approval.

Visit of President Hayes

Fifteen minutes before 4 p.m. President Hayes and a friend came in the Gallery, but went
out again in ten minutes. He was not recognized until he was going away.
Visitors 201 \$48.00 Catalogues 25 \$6.25 Photos. \$5.00

Mch. 8

Thursday, mild, cloudy and windy – afternoon raining.

Great disorder in the cellar last night after 12 o’clock by some friends of the fireman, that
compelled me to admonish him to admit no company into the cellar particularly at night,
or it would lead to his dismissal.

Mr J.C. McGuire, Professor Baird & Dr Hall called.

Have intimated to Green & Williams that we will take two of his walnut chairs, but not
until I have settled about the cushions.

Mr F. Tupper

Mr Hyde brought up a letter from Martin Farguhar Tupper to Mr Corcoran,
complimenting him for his magnificent Gallery of Art, and offering for sale a Guido
representing “Fortune & Love” which he says bought by his father 50 years ago for £
800, & he will ask for it only £ 500 to be sent from England. A print of it is in New
York.

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Letter from Mrs. C. L. Hicks Phila. to Mr Corcoran requesting him or agent to call as Mr Phillip Webber's studio in that city to see a picture of Bavarian scenery.

Did not visit the Gallery to-night, having a sore throat.

Visitors (Day) 770 Catalogues 55 \$13.70 Photos. \$6.75

Visitors (Night)	545	\$53.50	Catalogues	38	9.50	2.00
	1315			93	\$23.20	8.75

Mch. 9th

Bright & blowy.

Letter from John Sartain Phila. He sent the British Centennial Catalogue through his son Henry. He got it for Mr Corcoran according to promise, but could get no other.

Miss Strong resumed copying casts, and I gave a card to Miss Spring for sketching from them each day.

Mrs. Miller brought a life-size medallion of Thomas McKaan, "a signer" & a written application to the Board of Trustees, stating his wishes to raise the funds (\$3500) for completing the whole series (56) and proposing certain returns ~~for~~ to those who could advance the money.

Selceted an arm-chair (walnut rotary) at Green & Williams.
Dr Jouy brought many more negatives.

A gentleman lost a new \$10. silk umbrella at the Thursday night exhibition, through mistake in the part of the man ~~giving~~ taking the checks. An old one was left in its place. He has **applied** to know what will be done by the Gallery? Under consideration.
Visitors 103 \$23.00 Catalogues 13 \$3.25 Photos. \$4.00

Mch. 10

Clear & cold. Last night was windy, & water-pipes froze.

Mr Bradford called. Will send for the reflectors over "Napoleon". He says the Government will accept his "Polaris."

Dr Hall called – also Professor Henry.

Mr Porter left one of a pair of pictures he wishes to exhibit, called "Peace".

Mrs. Durkee called & took a copy of the Regulations for copying pictures. Told her she must exhibit a specimen according to the new rule. She wishes to copy "Fun & Fright" in ten days.

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Sent a catalogue & Photos. of Napoleon, the Japanese Bronze Vase, Porcelain Lacquered
Vase & Forced Prayer to Mrs Shedd, Providence R.I.
Visitors 666 Catalogues 29 \$7.25 Photos \$10.00

Mch. 12

Monday- raw, cloudy, & afterwards bright.

Letter from Leavitt & Co. N.Y. accompanying several photographs of some of the Italian
statuary from the Centennial to be sold at auction on the 17th. None of them as good as
those purchased by us in Phila.

Printed catalogue from Lancaster England, of the pictures, old furniture &c in an old
hotel there described by Dickens.

Letter from P. A. Towne, Ky. Library Louisville, containing a photo of the Hebe, claimed
to be by Canova, owned by that Institution, and which is for sale. It is claimed to have
been brought from Europe by Mr Ward. It represents \$10,000 of the assets of the
Library. The pitcher, cup & part of one hand is gone. Answered the letter to the effect
that it would be laid before the Board & Committee of Art, at their next meeting in April.

Mr Dougal came to finish another copy of "the Lost Dogs".

Mr Porter called & took away his picture of Peace, as the Art Committee objected to
hanging it in the Gallery.

Mr Clements left here another volume of Edwards' History of the West Indies (1794)
containing a reference to the picture of Columbus & his family now here, also a mss.
sketch of its history.

Mr Corcoran, his niece Mrs Wm Corcoran, Miss Jones & Dr Hall all came in at 3 p.m.
The former is much improved in health & spirits. I have never seen ^him^ so jocular and
pleasant.

Visitors 68 \$14.00 Catalogues 13 \$3.25 Photos \$10.95

Mch. 13

Miss Bryan sent down an oil copy of Healy's portrait of George Peabody.

Mrs. Durkee called with a sample of her painting, and a letter of application for the
privilege of copying.

Dr. Hall and friends. Misses Robinson called.

An aged female dressed in masculine attire in imitation of the notorious Dr Mary Walker,
has been peddling some publications, but has been forbidden to do so.

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Mr Corcoran, Mrs. Corcoran called. He likes the copy of Peabody.
Visitors 520 Catalogues 30 \$9.50 Photos. \$8.50

March 14

Cloudy & threatening rain.

Gave notice & card of admission to copy to Mrs. L. Durkee. She will copy Fun & Fright”.

Mr James Elliot of N.Y. came. He was much interested in the Head of Diana, & wanted to know its history. I was annoyed to find that it was omitted from the Catalogue – probably because only on temporary deposit by the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr Ezekiel sculptor, came from Mr Corcoran with a card. He is the sculptor of the Monumental work of “Religious Liberty” sent to the Centennial from Berlin, and presented to this man of the best type of Israelitish features, and appears to have correct views of his art. He admires our Gallery very much. His monument is to remain two years in Fairmont Park.

Rec'd Catalogue of ~~the Italian Statuary from Levitt & Co~~ Mr Frost's pictures.

Visitors 112 \$27.25 Catalogues 18 \$4.58 Photos. \$7.75

March 15th.

Bright, cool & bracing.

Mr Ezekiel, sculptor called, & was interested to Dr Hall, with whom he had a long conversation.

Mr Guillaume sent here a half-length of St. Peter.

Mr Corcoran & his niece Mrs. Corcoran came in. It was pleasant to see how his health & spirits have improved. He told me that Ezekiel is a native of Richmond & was in the Confederate Army. It seems he furnished much monumental work to buildings in ~~Europe~~ Berlin. He has remarkably correct and lofty views of his Art. One of his comments upon the Modern Venuses struck me as excellent & original. He said the reason why modern sculptors failed to equal the ancients on that subject, that they merely wrought out an abstract idea – embodied in certain rules & laws of modeling upon an ordinary living model, while the ancients believed in Venus as a goddess, & therefore their faith inspired such a work as the Venus of Milo – so of Apollo & Diana &c. For this reason he thinks the modern artists should impersonate to living principles- & the Grand ideas of our time. He was here to-night & sat in admiration in front of the Milo, which under the light of the chandelier, had all its beauty glorified indeed. Mr E. is very anxious to see our outside niches filled up with statues, & thinks a second class marble of Carrara of a grayish hue would be the best & cheapest for the purpose.

Mr Corcoran wishes Guillaume's picture of St. Peter to be taken up into the picture Gallery.

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Drs Hall & Tyler came in. The latter advised me to paint my hand with iodine to relieve the swelling which still exists.

Mrs Admiral Powell, Miss Manning & Mr McCauley called. Gave Miss M. "Corday" & Fontainebleau" at cost price.

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Sent copies of our photos (in number 15) to Mrs Pegram in Baltimore, & to Mr Sartain Phila. – writing to both.

The attendance at night was not so numerous as formerly.

Visitors 578 (Day) Catalogues 33 \$8.25 Photos \$15.50

Visitors <u>393</u> (Night)	Catalogues <u>20</u>	5.00	Photos	_____
971	53	\$13.25		\$15.50

Mch. 16

Cloudy, & threatening rain.

Mrs Durkee began copying Fun & Fright.

Hung Guillaume's St. Peter in the S.E. Gallery. It looks well.

Dr. Hall sent up for me an old copy of John Bell's observations on Italy, which contains much just criticism upon the works of Art in that country.

Mr Ezekiel called from Mr Corcoran's with a lot of photographs from his works-seriatim. They show great genius. The photograph of his monument to "Religious Freedom" though from a cast, shows his originality & power of composition. He remained some two hours, & in that time his conversation is very interesting. His sketch of artist- (sculptor) life in Rome with curious illustrations of the habits &c of the life-models, was the most entertaining I ever heard. He is soon to return to Rome, & expressed wish to receive me there – to meet at the Paris Exposition next year, & then go together to the Eternal City. So mote it be!

Mr McCammon of the Dept of Justice wrote to know if any action had been taken by the Trustees about Mr McKnight's umbrella. Wrote him that it would be settled in a few days.

The "Shakespeare Dish" ordered by Mr Corcoran from Elkington & Co. Birmingham, at the Centennial, arrived to-day, I have no idea of the history of the original & must write to the agent. It is not a fine work by any means.

Visitors 79 \$17.00 Catalogues 13 \$3.25

Mch. 16 [17]

Saturday snow- storm, & windy.

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Did not attend at the Gallery, having a hoarse throat and unwell generally.

Mr Corcoran sent here a bound set of the late "Union" newspaper which was supported
his means.

Visitors 246 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos \$13.50

Mch. 19

Letter from Mrs Pegram acknowledging the Photos. She states that she exercised her
pupils in describing the characters represented with views of the Sculpture Gallery, and
that some of her pupils who were here two years ago, had since that traveled in Europe &
had used the catalogues I gave them as Guide-Books!

Church offers Sully's "Madison"

Letter from Mr Church acknowledging the Catalogue, & offering a cabinet-sized portrait
of President Madison by Thos. Sully, to this Gallery, if acceptable. I sent the letter to Mr
Corcoran, & got authority to express the willingness of himself & the Trustees to accept
the present. I wrote to him to that affect.

Letter from Mr Matthews auctioneer of Mr Frost's pictures to be sold in New York on
Wednesday, offering one of them as a particularly fine. – No. 127. in the catalogue –
Wrote him declining.

Violent driving snow storm.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Visitors 23 \$5.75 Catalogues 3 .75cts Photos \$2.00

Mch. 20

Bright, mild & the snow all melting rapidly.

Went late to the Gallery to give the snow a chance to melt. & have a secure footing for
me. For the first time, put my broken arm through my sleeve, but still keep the sling to
rest it at times.

Went to Miss Janney's with Dr. Hall to see a superb work in Russian & French,
illustrative of the coronation of Alexander II of Russia. It belongs to Capt. Beaumont
U.S.N. to whom it was given in compliment when the Capt. bore to the Emperor the
congratulations for his escape from assassination, passed by Congress. It is the more
magnificent book I ever saw.

Mr Motlar of Phila. called with a patent gas-burner.

Clark Mills called – Dr. Hill, & Mr McGuire.

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Wrote to Mr Hyde asking if he had any letter or bill for the "Shakespeare Dish." Had not rec'd any to-day.

Wrote to H. Cornelius to learn the history &c of the "Dish"- & asking for further copies of the illustrative catalogue or pamphlet of Elkington articles promised to us in Phila. The Art Club sent up resolutions of thanks to Mr Corcoran for his generosity.
Visitors 424 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos. \$7.75

Mch. 21

Cloudy & rainy.

Placed the Shakespeare Sideboard Dish" in the Elkington case, which is now rather crowded.

Mr Hyde sent up the old bill for Elkington's things and the "Dish" is there charged at £ 11.6.

Mr Methar came & placed his new gas-burner on the chandelier & lighted it & one of the old ones. The superiority of his with porcelain-shade was most magnificent.

Mr Miller called to hear what was the prospect about his bronze portraits of "The Signers", & I had to tell him neither Mr Corcoran nor any Trustees felt disposed, to take the matter in hand, as he requested.

Visitors 73 \$16.50 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos \$9.75

Mch. 22

Cloudy & cool.

Saw the large easel being made by Mr Thomas for this room. It is excellent & strong.

Brother Maurilian of the Christian Brothers of Memphis Tenn. & Brother --- of the Catholic School in K. st of this city called with a letter from Mr Walters written at Memphis March 15, introducing the former as bringing to this city several old Italian pictures which he wishes to exhibit in this Gallery, and which "facilities" Mr Walters thinks can be extended to him. They are large, & I should judge from a <. . > critique upon them in a Memphis paper left by Mr M, more designed for a Catholic church than a Gallery of Art. Mr M. is anxious to sell them for the benefit of the College in Memphis.

The night exhibition was more thinly attended than previous ones but the visitors were of the best sort, & the whole character of the re affair quiet & delightful.

Day Visitors 533 28 \$7.00 Photos. \$11.00

Night Visitors	<u>360</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	Catalogues	<u>26</u>	<u>\$6.50</u>	
	893	35.00		54	\$13.50	\$11.00

Mch. 23

Sully's Madison

Mr Church's present of a cabinet-sized full-length of Prest. Madison ^by Sully^ came to-day with letter from Mr Avery. It is an excellent likeness according to the portrait by Stuart, & the coloring is rich & delicate with a refined tone. It is on panel- & is somewhat cracked but not in a vital part. Wrote to Mr Avery.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Jones, & thought the likeness of Madison admirable.

Mr Nicholson, Brother Maurian & others called.

Visitors 80 \$18.50 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$2.00

March 24

Bright and very mild.

Mrs. wishes to copy Cascade by Robbe.

Drs. Hall & Tyler called.

Dr Jouy brought new photographs.

Visitors 586 Catalogues 17 \$4.25 Photos. \$14.75

March 26

Monday. Heavy rains with wind last night and this morning, but holding up at noon.

Long letter from Z. Eastman Chicago, offering for sale a lot of pictures by old pictures & modern, & at all prices: some, said to be by old masters.

Sent off sets of photos to the Universities of Virginia & Princeton.- N.Y. academy of Design & Metropolitan Museum of Art – San Francisco Art Association & Museum of Fine Arts Boston. Wrote to each.

Two young Englishmen & a Scotchman were introduced at 3 p. m. & were allowed to stay awhile after 4 p. m. They admired the Gallery very much, & were enthusiastic over the Charlotte Corday & Greek Slave.

Visitors 39 \$9.25 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos \$1.00

March 27

Still raining & tempestuous.

Letter from Mr Ezekiel, sculptor ^now^ in New York. Speaks highly of two small pictures by a Mr Encke.

Wrote to Mr Eastman, stating we are not buying pictures now.

Mr Thomas brought the new large easel, & to-day found it had warped much from one night's heat of this room.

Admiral Lee's visit

Admiral Lee called to inquire about the letter written by the Trustees to his lawyer Mr Appleby in reference to the strip of ground in our alley claimed by him. He discovered the ~~meaning~~ purpose of Appleby's letter as "exceeding his instructions." He had merely wished ^to know^ if the guarantees made by Mr Corcoran in respect to that ground so claimed were assumed by the Trustees. He also disclaimed any intention of unfriendliness in his inquiry.

Visitors 109 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos \$2.00

Mch. 28

Bright cool & with a strong north west wind.

Mr Saunders of N. Y. called.

Mr Thomas has altered the large easel to suit.

Mr Seibert commenced his copy of "Le Regiment qui passe.

Mr Lansburgh sent up a bill of \$3.86.

A Mrs. E. C. Swann requested & obtained the "Regulations for copyists.

Visitors 71 \$16.50 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$3.00

Mch. 29

Bright & windy.

Mr Hyde brought a letter from an agent of Pellegrini picture-dealer in New York to Mr Corcoran, proposing to sell his pictures of which he sends a catalogue. Wrote to him we were not buying any pictures now.

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Saw Mr Corcoran about the bust of the Hon Jas. Brooks by Horatio Stone, which the latter's son-in-law Mr McTier wishes sent to him from Mr Corcoran's house. I found the old gentleman recumbent on a lounge through dressed, but in good spirits. I told him about Admiral Lee's disclaimer of ill-will to the Gallery about the area-wall, & he seemed glad that he at last showed some liberal feeling in the matter, as he had acted in rather in a way inimical to the institution about the boundary line of the Gallery lot. He waggishly said he was disposed to leave by his will an order to have this inscription placed over the entrance of the "Corcoran".—

"To all the world free,
Save Admiral Lee!"

Dr Hall called.

The attendance was small to-day, and very much smaller at night – chiefly owing to the fact of it being Holy Thursday, & the crowds at the Catholic & Episcopal Churches. Still the night attendance was very select and ~~those~~ the visitors enjoyed it highly.

Visitors (Day)	455	Catalogues	30	\$7.50	Photos.	\$5.50
Visitors (Night)	<u>176</u>	Catalogues	<u>11</u>	<u>2.75</u>		
	631		41	\$10.25		5.50

Mch. 30

~~Note~~ Bright, cool but less windy.
Good Friday.

Note from Freyer & Bendam Balt. requesting 2 copies of Corday, & list of prices.

Mr Smilie sent for "Diana" antique busts. Sent it.

Letter of acknowledgment of photos. from C. C. Perkins of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Mr. C. V. Martin applied for privilege of copying pictures. Has never taken a lesson in painting, but has studied drawing at the Yale School of Fine Arts. He brought a specimen of painting, that is very poor, & not proving his ability to copy the "Vestal" (that is her single figure).

Mr Hyde sent up a reply of Admiral Lee's lawyer Appleby to Mr Hyde's letter ~~showing~~ ~~the~~ in reply to his as authorized by the Board. – also a letter from Mrs. Genl. Hartford, hoping the Board would send photos. to the Trinity College, Hartford – also a note from Mr Connell Richmond, asking leave to send 3 pictures of his to this Gallery for exhibition "awhile.

Mr Taylor sent up his bill for the tables \$54.00

Visitors 86 \$19.25 Catalogues 7 \$8.75 Photos \$6.00

Mch 31

Mild & cloudy – signs of more rain.

Mrs Corcoran & Miss Jones called & the former received a set of the photographs.

Dr Jouy brought more photos. & received certified bill for \$141.90.

Letter from Ceracchi's Washington

Dr Hall came & agrees with me that the upper shelf of the easel is too low & must be raised. He tells me a gentleman here yesterday looking at Ceracchi's bust of Washington, stated he had given to Mr Chas. Sumner, a letter from Ceracchi to Washington, in which he stated that he would take another bust of him without renumeration!

Professor called with Professor Newcom & M Le Clear, artist of N.Y. who is here to paint the Professor's portrait, & also Mr Bancroft's.

Visitors 575 Catalogues 20 \$5.00 Photos \$6.50

April 2d.

Mild & raining.

Numerous bills sent in.

Dr Jouy brought mounted copies on white board of the large "Corday." Prefer a tinted board. He will charge \$1.50 per copy for them.

Mr C. V. Martin applied for & got permission to copy pictures.

Miss Lane is to be next copyist of Fun & Fright after Mrs. Durkee.

Miss Hodges is to copy Fontainebleau after Mrs Shorb.

Mr Gibson sent it his bill for the new catalogue \$376.18

Visitors 67 \$12.25 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos \$3.00

April 3d.

Bright & cool.

Mr Chamberlin sent up bill for \$9.75.

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Saw Col. Stevens at the Capitol. Wished to know about the Gallery buying the works in sculpture of the late Horatio Stone. Advised him to apply formally.

Saw Architect Clark, & conversed with him about Mr Miller's Bronze Medallion of the "Signers".

Brother Maurian's sculptural pictures from Memphis arrived, six in number – old, soiled and and worn, only fit for a catholic church – evidently copies, & ordinary ones. One small picture represents a Flemish anatomical lecturing over a subject to his pupils. Will hang them to-morrow or to-day.

Mr Corcoran & Mr McGuire came in. The former looks feeble & spiritless.

Mr Bayne of Adams' Express called to speak of a colossal bust of Professor Morse (Inventor of the Telegraph) now at their warehouse, unclaimed, and which he wishes me to see and criticize.

Visitors 385 Catalogues 17 \$4.25 Photos. \$3.00

[April 4]

Had the old Scriptural pictures hung in the south west gallery, a puff of them in this morning's paper states that Mr Corcoran came here yesterday to see them. A mistake. He did not know they were here, & he took little interest in them.

Dr Hall came in & stated a young engraver on glass wished to copy the "Fox-Chase" on our Claret Jug, and thinks he ought to be allowed to do so, in this room.

Visitors 64 \$15.50 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos \$1.00

[April 5]

Cloudy & rainy.

Mr ^B. D.^ Hyann 1422 F. St. called to speak of a Murillo owned by a friend of his in New York, who wishes to send it here on exhibition 7 ft x 5 ft.

Letter from Mr Walters Balt. will be here to-day. Has rec'd some photos. of the French Napoleon, "superior to ours."

Letter from Wm Wertenbecher, Librarian of the University of Va. acknowledging receipt of photographs.

Mr Bradley called & got address for the boxe, containing the Brooks bust & pedestal.

Mr Walters came at 2 ½ p. m. Saw the ^old^ scriptural pictures, liked some parts of them, but signified no wish that the Gallery should buy any of them. He says the photos. of the French "Napoleon" are in his possession, & he will let this Gallery a sett of them if

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desired. He says there is in Baltimore a fine ideal of a woman by Sully – price \$100. He recommends it.

Letter from Thos Bland, Secy of Metropolitan Museum of Art N. Y. enclosing acknowledgment of the Trustees for the photos, sent to them, & also stating that in a few days, he will forward to us here copies of photos issued by them.

Discovered that the photos for Fryer & Bendaun Balt. had not been sent. Sent them with a letter.

The night exhibition had few, but select visitors.

Visitors 400 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos \$4.75

Visitors (Night 202 (~~\$19.80~~) 44 13 3.50
\$18.60 25

April 6.

Bright and vernal.

Rec'd letters of acknowledgement from M T. A. Richards, & Professor acknowledging photographs. The former sent cards of admission to the exhibition of the National Academy of Design.

Mr Corcoran sent a letter from Mr Ezekiel (sculptor) N. Y. proposing to execute the designs for statues in the niches (outside) of this Gallery.

Letter from Mrs D. M. Day Bloomfield N. J. proposing to sell to this Gallery the "Painting of Sugfried and Chrienheld by Heydich of Konigsberg, & from the Royal Academy of Berlin – 9 ft x 6 ft. Price \$10,000.

Mr Corcoran sent up a letter from J. G. Chapman artist, Rome, proposing to sell to this Gallery a painting by him "Service of Mass on Sundays for Harvesters of the Roman Campagna", of which he sends proofs of etching by himself. Size 5 ft. 7 in. x 1 ft. 10 in. Price \$800.

Mr Hyde sent up a reply to Mr Ezchiel, & asked me to send the measurements of the niches. Cannot find them and wrote that they would be sent to-morrow.
Sent to Mr Hyde Bradley's bill for boxing & packing the Brooks bust & pedestal.

Wrote to Mrs Day in reply to her letter also to Miss Eicholtz of this city, that the "Corday" was at her disposal for copying.

Visitors 83 \$20.75 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos \$5.00

Apl. 7

Bright & warm.

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Communication from Bureau of Education enclosing form for statistics about the
“Library”: not leaving a collection of books here, worthy of being noticed in that way,
sent word to the Commissioner that he need not expect a statement of what we have.

Letter from Mr Guyot of Princeton College acknowledging photographs.

Placed the “Niagara” on the north wall of the main gallery, substituting in its former
position the Regiment qui passe. The change is a success. The great cataract looks vastly
better. The warm light has brought all its latent beauties, and it catches the eye of the
visitor at once as he enters the room.

Dr Hall came & admired the change very much as did Messrs McGuire & others.

Sent a note to Mr Ezekiel containing a sketch of the niches for statues, dimensions &c.

Visitors 603 Catalogues 24 \$6.00 Photos. \$4.25

April 9

Letter from Mr Ezekiel in reference to statues in niches. He has written to Mr Corcoran
about them & thinks his letter will be laid before the Board to-night.

Miss Hinckley for her Drawing Materials. Sent them.

Telegram rec'd from Mr Ezekiel N.Y. stating that he had received my last letter.

Genl. G. Wilson on the Houdon bust
Clark Mills

Genl. J. Grant Wilson of N. Y. called & conversed about the question of Houdon's bust
& mask of Washington. He is author of a communication in the N. Y. Evg. Post in reply
to one by B. J. Lossing in which the letter denies that a full length cast of Washington
was ever taken by Houdon. Gen. Wilson maintains that he did take such. He is anxious
to meet Clark Mills sculptor, & and hear his account of the original bust in clay of
Washington, which Houdon took & left in New York. I showed him the photographs
(front & profile) taken from the mask of Washington owned by Mr George W. Riggs-
Trustee, and which was given to the latter by the late Mr Leutze artist, who declared that
is was taken from the original mask made by Houdon & carried to Europe. Gen. Wilson
requested me to send him any information about the bust in clay, which I might procure
from Mills.

Quarterly meeting of the Board

The Board of Trustees met at 7 p. m. Present Dr Hall, Mr Hyde, Mr Riggs, Mr Matthews
& Mr Cook.

The rule making it necessary for copyists of pictures to submit a specimen of painting to the Art Committee, was reported by said Committee & approved.

Letter from Mr Cleghorn's Phila. about his pictures read & not acted upon.

Mr Ezekiel's letters about the statues for niches were read & the Curator ordered to report to him that at this time the Trustees were not prepared to order them.

The Curator is to be allowed to send photos. to Mrs. Genl. Beach.

The Curator was also authorized to acknowledge all presents made to the ~~Board~~, in Gallery in the name of the Board.

The umbrella lost by Mr McKinght is to be paid for \$10.

The night exhibitions this year are ordered to terminate on Thursday April 19th.

The Curator's a/c from Jan 9th to April 9th inclusive was presented & referred, and \$100 voted to be paid to him for the Contingent Fund.

Mr Riggs gave me the card of Mrs. H.P. Randolph 1313 H. St. who has a portrait of John Marshall by Thos. Sully, and which he wished me to go & examine.

Visitors 55 \$13.75 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos \$4.50

April 10

Mr Hyde called & requested me to see Mr Corcoran at his house in regard to the letter of Mr Ezekiel & Mr Cleghorn which last offered to pay one fifth of any sum ^Mr Corcoran^ might bid for T. B. Read's "Spirit of the Waterfall" and Rothermel's "Trial of Sir Harry Vane", to be sold with others in New York on the 18th & 19th April. At Mr C's suggestion I informed Mr Ezekiel that while Mr C. approved of his (the sculptor's) proposal to make the statues of white marble, at present for want of funds, he could not at once order them, but requested him to bear the proposition in mind after his return to Europe, and see if he could not execute ^there^ the statues eleven in number, for \$600 a-piece -- \$6600 in all. Also wrote to Mr Cleghorn that while appreciating his offer, the Trustees were not prepared now to make any purchases of his pictures.

Visit to Mr Corcoran. Anecdote of his saving from drowning a son of Mr B. Saunders, while he (Mr C. was on his wedding trip.

I found Mr Corcoran in his chamber, dressed but reclining on a lounge. He was in excellent spirits, but much troubled with the eczema that has afflicted him so much this winter. Before leaving I spoke to him of Mr Beverly Saunders of N.Y. who was here a month since, & who on first seeing the portrait of Mr C. by Elliott, exclaimed "that's the man who saved my little son's life!" It seems that while landing from a steamboat at New York 40 years ago, his boy (six years old) stepped too soon on the gangway plank, which by the motion of the boat by the tide, slipped into the dock, carrying the boy down. Mr Corcoran (standing with his wife just behind Saunders) at once jumped in & rescued the boy. When I spoke of this incident, the fine old philanthropist at once kindled with animation, & gave further particulars – that when he got to the hotel he had to cut his boots off, & as he had on his person a large number of Treasury notes all wetted by his

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sousing, his bed & room presented an odd appearance by the quantity of them spread out to dry! A fine gold watch was ruined by the brackish water.

Saw the Sully portrait of Judge John Marshall at Mrs Randolphs. It is like the Judge, but lacks the power of intense intellectual expression in the brow so characteristic of Marshall. It is commonplace, and in a sad condition of dirt, cracks, &c – It is held, I am told at \$1,000!

Mr McGuire called.

Brother Maurian called, & was informed that the Trustees were not willing to purchase any of the ^old^ religious pictures. He signified his intention to remove them to-morrow.

Visitors 390 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos \$8.00

April 11

Bright, & balmy weather.

Dr Hall brought here a letter from Dabney H. Maury to Mr Galt expressing a wish that a portrait by Elder of the late Capt. M. T. Maury might be placed in his store that the Trustees of this Gallery might see it with a view to purchasing it. Dr Hall has told Mr Galt to send it up to be exhibited in the Trustee's Room.

Mr Galt called with Genl. Dabney Maury. The latter tells me that the portrait of Capt. Maury by Elder is not yet finished. He will write to Elder & inform of the permission to place the picture here.

Dr Jouy sent copies of the finished photos (large of Charlotte Corday, with others of the unfinished kind.

Fifty copies ordered – embracing both styles.

Visitors 37 \$9.75 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$1.00

April 12

Bright, warm & pleasant.

Mrs. Abbott of Boston came in. Has been in Europe retouching the Corday negative. Ordered 10 or 15 of that style.

Architect Clark & Sergeant-at-arms French called. Gave the former new photos.

Wrote to Mr Church artist, conveying thanks of the Board for his gift of the Madison portrait.

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Wrote to Mr Walters conveying Dr Hall's approval of the purchase of the French photo of the French "Napoleon."

Mrs. H. P. Randolph called to see me about the John Marshall portrait by Sully. It has been for years in the family of connections of Marshall. It seems \$500 were offered for it for the Supreme Court, but the owner wanted \$1,000. She tells me Mr Corcoran knows the owner a Mrs Allan of Richmond Va. & Mrs. R. wishes me to speak of it & Mrs. A. to Mr Corcoran. I advised her to tell Mrs Allan to have the picture repaired.

Mr Pool (through Mr Fisher) intimated a wish to exhibit a picture.

Visitors (Day) 458 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 Photos. \$6.50

Visitors (Night)	<u>180</u> / <u>\$18.00</u>	Catalogues	<u>12</u>	<u>3.00</u>	
	638 \$18.00		28	7.00	\$6.50

April 13

Cloudy and cool.

Received a letter from Mr Ezekiel N.Y. stating that he will be able to make the statues (11) in bronze galvanized iron, "to look & wear like bronze" at \$600 -piece. Shewed the letter to Mr Corcoran who views as expressed before, that after Mr Z's return to Europe & on mature examination there of the relative cost of the statues in marble & bronze zinc, the Board would decide upon what was best to be done in they way of an order. Wrote to Mr Z. to this effect.

Mr Architect Clark called this morning & he agrees with me that the pedestal's in the niches are too high and heavy in themselves, and should be lowered in order to admit statues of life-if not heroic size, not rising too high in the arch of the niche.

Gen. G. Wilson letter about Houdon's bust & wish for C. Mills to tell all he knows about it.

Received a letter from Genl. Grant Wilson N. Y. requesting me to get from Mr Clark Mills further information as to whether the Houdon plaster bust of Washington ~~was~~ is not in New York, and his Mills' bust (cast) the one that is at Mt. Vernon. Mr Mills was here when the letter came. He says he will not affirm the first inquiry, but declares that a cast by him was for sometime at Mt. Vernon, but is now in War Department, & that the bust now at Mt. Vernon is the clay cast made by a German. He also says that Mr Custis told him that he did see Houdon take a cast of Washington's face, & was frightened at the prospect, which Mr Lossing denies. Mr Mills privately has little doubt that the cast in New York is Houdon's, & was brought from Mt. Vernon by him (Mills) & taken out of his room by Mr Donald, sculptor) in 1874.

Visitors 55 \$13.75 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$5.00

April 14

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Dr Jouy brought large lot of photographs.

Rec'd a note from A.C. Billings Phila. for catalogue. Sent it.

Mills' Bronze "Washington" & "Pious Mother"

Mr Clark Mills brought his bronze bust of Washington after Houdon's plaster cast at Mt. Washington Vernon, to be exhibited here. Placed it in the Gallery Bronze Hall. Also left a rough bronze statuette of his mother reading the bible. If the Gallery will leave it burnished – He he will make a present of it.

Mr Gibson (printer) called & took the incorrect catalogues.

Mr ----- came & took away the Sevre bowl sent here for examination & sale by Mrs. Brandt.

Mr Thomas is to give estimates for a pedestal for the "Jaguar and Hare."

Visitors 415 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 Photo. 75cts.

April 16

Bright and pleasant.

"Pool's Family Group"

Mr Pool asked permission to send up a "Family Group" for exhibition. It came at 2 p.m. and is certainly a meritorious picture.

Mrs. E. C. Swann brought a chalk-drawing as a specimen, & was told an oil painting was necessary, before getting permission to copy pictures. She then brought a copy of a Rembrandt.

By Mr Hyde's request to Mrs. Mactier N.Y. to remit Bradley's bill for boxing her father's bust.

C. Mills "Pious Mother"

Dr Hall called & approves ^of^ the "pious Mother" by Mills, & thinks it is worthy of being finished.

C. Mills on Houdon bust.

Wrote to Genl. Wilson transmitting Mr Clark Mills' assertions about Houdon's original plaster bust of Washington.

Visitors 42 \$10.00 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos \$1.00

April 17

Cloudy but mild.

Wrote to Mrs. Robt Wood & Co Phila. requesting estimate of cost for burnishing & finishing Mills' "Pious Mother". Sent a sketch of the figure & measurement.

A Mr John C. White asked permission to exhibit here two unframed oil-paintings & one water color framed. The former being objected to, he will bring them to show me. He is an intelligent person, has lived & studied art in France 10 year, & is interested in getting our Government interested the Paris ~~Expos~~ Exhibition next year.

Visitors 260 \$ Catalogues 14 \$3.50 Photos. 3 .50cts

Apl. 18

Raining but mild.

Invitation from the Directors of the International Exhibiton Co. Phila. to be present at the opening in the Main Building/Centennial Grounds) in May 10th.

Mrs. Durkee has stopped painting a copy of "Fun & Fright".

Mr Armor began 2d. copy of Charlotte Corday.

Mrs Sawnn called to have the privilege of copying "Fontainebleau" & was told that Miss Hodges had spoken for it.

Dr Hall called & liked much of the Family Group by Poole.

Note from Mr Church artist in acknowledgement of the vote of thanks for the Portrait of Madison. He knows nothing of its history and will try to send us an engraving of the picture.

Visitors 36 \$9.00 Catalogues 6 \$1.50

Apl. 19

Raining and cool.

Note from Wood & Co. Phila. will charge \$90. or more for finishing "Pious Mother" which Mr French, sculptor thinks is reasonable. Dr Hall thinks the work would be too costly.

Wrote Genl. J. G. Wilson about the Washington bust.

Mr Magiunis Ky. Industrial Exposition, called & requested donations of photos in September.

Mr White's cattle & chicken picture

Mr J.C. White left a cattle-piece & a water-color flower picture for inspection. The sheep in the first are good- the rest trash! The watercolor ordinary.

Owing to the storm of rain, lightning & thunder there were only 87 visitors at the (last) night-exhibition. I went home in the midst of it & was drenched.

Visitors (Day) 225 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 Photos. \$3.25

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Visitors Night)	<u>81</u>	Catalogues	<u>7</u>	<u>1.75</u>
	306	\$8.10	23	\$5.75

April 20

Heavy showers – another “April day”.
Miss Ballantyne began copying “Duck-shooting.”

Sent off to Mrs. Beach Hartford for “Trinity-College.
Dr Jouy brought other photographs.
Dr Hall & Mr McGuire called.
Visitors 44 & 1 \$11.00 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos \$3.00

April 21

Bright, breezy & cool.
My note to Miss Eicholtz about copying “Corday” returned.
Dr Watkins of Balt. called, also Drs. Hall & Tyler.
Mr J. C. McGuire called & wished to send him the painter Sullivan to paint some busts.
Ordered a new drawing-board in lieu of mine lost in the ^Gallery^.
Visitors 395 Catalogues 26 \$6.50 Photos. \$1.75

April 23

Monday- bright & warm- no fire to-day.
Note of acknowledgement of 15 photos. from H. Richard, Secy. of the Boston Museum-
also Illustrated Catalogue of N.Y. Acady. of Design.
Ordered from Mr Fill deficient nos of “London Illustrated News.”
July 8/76. 1928 – Dec. 2/76 no. 1949. Also 2 pks of Envelopes.

Meade the sculptor, & Dr Kindleberger U.S.N. called.
Visitors 65 \$16.25 Catalogues 25cts Photos .75cts

April 24

Bright & warm.
Letter from Profr. M. McDonald Va. Mil. Institute, Lexington, stating he has a study of
Washington’s portrait supposed to be by the “younger Peale” - & would like to sell it.
Wrote him that we are not buying pictures now, & that we expect to have a Washington
by Stuart.
Mr McGuire brought a plaster bas-relief of a head of “Autumn” by Patrick sculptor to be
cleaned & painted by Mr Sullivan.
Mr J.C. White called & gave names of the pictures he sent. The cattle-piece from the
Gallery of Don Carlos of Spain, the water-color by Mrs Martindale.
Dr Hall advises me to take off the wash-board where smoke issued to-day.

Visitors 240 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$1.00

Apl. 25

Bright and pleasant.

Note from Mr. J. C. White accompanying a copy from Domemichino's Diana & Chase'' (& Action) & some five studies of a chicken-fight by Baird (America) of Paris.

Mr McGuire & H. K. Brown sculptor called. Mr Sullivan came & rec'd orders to paint the bas-relief – Will do it on Friday.

Commander Evans & Mr Elmer called & were shown through the Gallery until 4 ½ p. m. by myself.

Visitors 56 \$14.00 Catalogues 2 50cts Photos \$4.00

Apl. 26

Miss A. Burnett applies to copy the Grove at the Ford.

Mr McGuire, & Dr Hall called.

Mrs. Morrell artist called & I went with her to her hotel to see her paintings. Some are excellent, showing careful training at Paris, in drawing.

Visitors 475 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 Photos. \$5.75

Apl. 27

Rainy and raw weather. Had to have fire made, and this room was filled with smoke from defects in flues.

Had to leave at one p.m. from indisposition.

Visitors 42 \$10.50 Catalogues 6 \$150 Photos. \$1.00

Apl. 28

Letter from L. Purdy of S. Francisco Art Association acknowledging Photos.

Copy of Proceedings of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Rainy day but mild.

Dr Barbarin got address from Mr French sculptor, for tools to work in plaster. He also got a cash-box from Ballantyne for \$2.75.

Left at 1 ½ p. m. to attend the funeral of my brother-in-law Mr Beston.

Visitors 165 Catalogues 17 \$4.25 Photos \$4.00

Apl. 30

Cool, bright & pleasant.

Mr Wilson N.Y. about Clark Mills

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Letter from Mr Wilson N.Y. urging me to get Clark Mills to unbosom himself about the Houdon cast.

Notice of Art Club Converzazione tomorrow at 8 p.m.
Bought palette knife & some colors for the Gallery \$1.25.

Hogarth's group & Velvet Breughel

Mr Lang called left for examination & sale a small group (drinking) claimed to be by Hogarth, & small landscape by Velvet Breughel. The latter seems genuine, the former doubtful.

Mr J. C. White called & measured his cattle picture for new frame. He is to < . . > take away the Domemichino & Fighting Cocks.

Dr Jouy brought photographs, Mrs Morrell called.

Visitors 62 \$15.50 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 Photos \$2.50

May 1st.

Cold and cloudy- Dr Barbarin on leave of absence for 3 days, to be married this evening. Letter from Wm. G. Brooks Boston, offering a portrait of Washington by Stuart – once on the Lee family. Answered it.

Letters & bills from Elkington & Co. Birmingham England, for the reproductions bought by Mr Corcoran, & a separate one for a copy of the Strauss Tankard on Fictile Ivory, the same as we have in bronze. Mr Matthews tells me it was ordered by Mr Walters.

Showed it to Mr Riggs who will write to Mr Walters. Gave both bills to Mr Riggs.

Saw Mr Corcoran this morning. He has been troubled for months with eczema a troublesome cutaneous disorder, & he says he is no better. He appeared weak & languid. He stated how much he wished to call at the Gallery. The disease has a weakening effect evidently.

Examined the new photographs, & certified the bill \$110.72.

Mr Lang called & expressed a wish to bring another picture (old).

Dr Hall called & admired Lang's pictures.

Mr Walters ^jr^ called – also Mr Bryan.

Authorized Thomas to get 2 new hair-brooms.

Wrote to Mr Walters about Mr Brooks' Washington by Stuart.

Sent away Mr White's pictures of Cocks & the Domemichino.

Visitors 340 Catalogues 20 \$5.00 Photos. \$5.00

May 2

Bright but cold & windy – last night was very cold.

Admiral Powell called with a letter from L. B. Conrad of Winchester Va. proposing to sell for \$500. a picture by J. G. Chapman (1840) 4 ft square of "Sancho Panza leaving the

castle to take possessions of his domains" ~~also~~ delivering his address to 10 persons. –also 4 cabinet pictures of Italian scenery – artist not mentioned. Pictures in Martinsburg. Mr Colburn called & told a good story of an old lady warning his wife not to look at Rinehart's "Sleeping Children", as a lady from Baltimore had come to see this Gallery & after her return to Baltimore immediately had twins! The best of the point is Mrs. C. is childless!

Miss Lane brought a friend Miss A. C. Cox to copy the "Fete of St John." Gave her a card. Miss C. will bring a specimen tomorrow.

Mr ^D^ Morgan is to begin copying Fun & Fright" & when Miss Lane finishes Vestal Tuccia, is to yield to her.

My Hyde sent up a fine grass-cutter yesterday.

Clark Mills about the Houdon bust

Mr Clark Mills called. Read to him the controversy in the N.Y. Evening Post about the Houdon cast of Washington. He is averse to come out in public in saying how the bust came into & went from his possession because it would implicate him in getting the bust fraudulently.

Visitors 54 \$13.50 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$4.25

May 3

Cold and cloudy. Letter from O.B. Bunce. N.Y. u.

Mr Thomas came, & examined the damaged pedestals. He will repair them on Saturday.

Mrs. McMahon was paid for April's washing, \$2.50.

Wrote to J. Grant Wilson N.Y. & stated that Mr Mill's declined publishing anything about the Houdon cast – at present.

Mr White called to examine the Hogarth.

Clark Mills & Wilson McDonald & the Houdon bust

Clark Mills called & consulted me about the best way of getting the Houdon bust out of McDonald's hands, and restoring to Mt. Vernon or the Government. If he tells the whole story he will criminate himself for having deceived Mr Washington in giving him his cast (on the plea if Mr W. thinking it was the original nicely cleaned) & retaining the Houdon bust.

My advice to Clark Mills to right a wrong, at all hazards. McDonald's story of how he got the bust.

I told him it was never too late to right a wrong, & the country would eventually commend ^{him} for effecting the restitution of the cast, however much it might condemn on first hearing how he got the bust. The whole affair is a striking instance of how a man suffers & is embarrassed by getting a thing in an unfair way. Mills says he will ponder the matter over. The trouble is McDonald says Mills in writing gave him the cast, & stated at the time that Washington gave it to him (Mills) & therefore he (McD.) has a

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clear-right to it. In view of Mr Mills' wish I did not send ~~the~~ my letter to Wilson & will write to-morrow, a different one.

After the Gallery closed I began a copy of the "Vestal" & worked in a sketch of the sky for two hours – standing.

Visitors 395 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos. \$1.00

May 4

Bright & mild – a pleasant change. Dr Barbarin on duty.

Letter from Thos. R. Pynchon of Trinity College, Hartford the photographs sent through Mrs Gen. Beach.

Mr Seibert father of the copyist, called with his son to get permission for the latter to be absent for a fortnight without detriment to his right to resume his copy of "The Regiment" on his return.

Miss Sallie Bartle came & qualified as copyist for Child Reading.

Mr Hedam of Baltimore who sent De Haas' Cattle Group" here, called to see about taking it back if it were not wanted. He showed me a letter from the artist, who has lowered the price to \$2750.

Clark Mills undecided

Clark Mills called about the Houdon bust. He is undecided about what he will do in reference to it.

Saw Judge French & Mr James in reference to the Fictile Ivory Tankard expected at Phila. & wrote P. Wright & Sons of Phila. requesting them to advise ^me^ of its arrival.

Mr Thomas brought the pedestal for the Jaguar & Hare in B Hall.

Mr Gibson called about the Catalogue & Cover, gave him the corrections.

Mrs. E. L. Smith (formerly copying) appeared & will resume copying on Monday. Miss A. C. Cox began study from the Fete of St. Johns. Began copying the Vestal Tuccia.

Visitors 47 \$11.50 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos 75cts

May 5

Painted on the copy of "Vestal."

Sent to Gibson another correction for the new edition of catalogue. He sent up proofs, but will keep them back until I see if the hour of closing the Gallery in summer is changed.

Messrs. J.C & Fred. McGuire called. The latter brought a letter from a friend enclosing one from a Mr Shepherd of Richmond artist who applies for the post of purchaser of works of art in Europe for this Gallery, where he expects to go soon.

Mr Lang called to see about the decision of Art Committee on his pictures by Hogarth & Breughel. None as yet.

Visitors 350 Catalogues 19 \$4.75 Photos. \$1.00

May 7

Cool & getting cloudy. At work (slow) on Tuccia.

Dr Hall, called and signed a paper with other trustees, to change the hour of opening the Gallery until at 9.a.m.

Mr Corcoran's ill-health

Mr Hyde represents Mr Corcoran as low-spirited about his case. His disease is eczema, & has lasted a year. It is weakening him. Mrs Morrell (artist) called & tells me she has persuaded Mr C. to try an emollient salve, which it is thought will relieve him. The irritation of the skin is very troublesome to him. It is now generally feared that he will not recover, but gradually sink under his disorder.

Mr J. C. White sent for his pictures & got them.

Mr Riggs thinks nothing can be done with Mr Shepherd's application.

J. C. Lendener applied for permission to send up picture 200 yrs. ↑old↓ Rearing of the t. Mrs. May left a colored print of Washington on horseback, the original of which ^was^ exhibited in Phila Centennial, the artist wishes to exhibit here.

Mr Lycett took the Illustrated News by which to bind 3d. volume.

Visitors 50 \$11.00 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 Photos. \$1.00

May 8

Raining hard, and very cool – fires necessary.

Mr Lycett sent for & got title page to "Illustrated News"- No. for December 30 – missing.

Worked at Vestal – slow progress, on account of the height of the picture.

Sent down to Gibson 1st & 2d. lots of proofs of Catalogue, & ordered an ^office^ stool from Towles.

Mr Thomas has closed the cracks in the Japanese Vases, & will come to-morrow to repair the easel.

Dr Barbarin left at 2 ½ p. m.

Visitors 120 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos.

May 9

Stool (office) sent up by H. O. Towles.

Cool rainy weather.

Dr. Hall Mr Poeshe & Daughter called. The latter had a bound volume of drawings from our casts, with poetical illustrations (her won composition) which she intended to present to Mr Corcoran. They went to see him, & was received kindly by the old gentleman, who was much gratified by the present.

Mr Corcoran wishing to know the purport of my last letter to Mr Ezekiel about the statues for the niches, I went to read it out of our letter-book. He looks feeble & sad and suffers much from the itchiness of his disease, but he is very patient. He heard with pleasure

what I had written to Ezekiel, & that the copyists were so benefited by the Gallery. He gave me for our use a copy of ~~an~~ an engraved portrait of himself by John Sartain from a portrait painted by Martin of London in 1848.

I told Mr Corcoran of the artist De Haas having reduced the price of his cattle-picture to \$2750, but he was opposed to buying it at any price.

Mrs. May called & was told that the equestrian portrait of Washington will be admitted for exhibition.

Visitors 50 \$12.50 Catalogues 7 \$1.70 Photos. \$1.00

May 10

Open to the public at 9.A.M.

Bright and mild. Gallery open to the public at 9.a.m.

Letter from Wright & Sons Phila. stating that the T. Ivory case had not arrived, but would carefully forward it.

Mr Lamb came & took away the print-portrait of Mr Corcoran to frame it.

Mr Lang called yesterday for the Hogarth & Breughel, but I was away & Dr Barbarin left before 4. p. m.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones called. He looks weak & altered so that he did not visit the Galleries. It is sad to see the progressive decline visible in his appearance.

A Christmas no. & frontispiece wanting in the "Illustrated News for /76. Must see to getting them, as there are 16 prints in the former.

Visitors 438 Catalogues 15 \$3.75 Photos. \$3.00

May 11

Bright & cool.

Mr Thomas called & will be here tomorrow to repair easel. Left his bill for the "Jaguar & Hare" pedestal, & I sent it to Mr Hyde.

Clark Mills called in reference to Houdon's bust of Washington.

Philp's water color

Mr. Philp artist left a specimen of water-color drawing here to be exhibited: a scene in India.

Mr Corcoran sent down the complimentary volume of drawings from our casts & poetical illustrations, presented to him by Miss Poeshe, which he deposits here, and wishes me to notice in the paper.

Dr Wm. Dickinson of St Louis writes to know if the Trustees wish to buy a picture of Tintoretto & Daughter: & an engraving of the Mosaic representing the "Lithostron (pavement of Fortune Promgnia at Preneote- constructed by Sylla.

Visitors 48 \$10.75 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$6.25

May 12

Bright and pleasant.

Hogarth & Breughel from Mr Lamb

Mr Lang called & took away the Hogarth & Breughel.

Mr Thomas came & repaired the easel.

Mrs Genl. Amos Eaton called to inquire ^about^ a plaster statuette of Genl Scott by Launt Thompson which she asserts was deposited her by her late husband in Novr. 1874.

Not recollecting any such deposite, I referred to my journal, & Dr Barbarin did also consult his, but found no record of it. The lady seems positive, but is mistaken.

Dr Hall called & at requested me to write a notice of the presentation of Miss Poeshe's offering to Mr Corcoran for publication which I did.

Visitors 340 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 \$6.22 ↑Photos↓

May 14

Bright warm & genial.

Much subdued by the news of the death of my brother George at Louisville yesterday morning.

John R. Warder, War Dept. applied to copy pictures & left specimen of painting that is promising.

Princetean's Washington

Princetean's portrait of Washington on horseback arrived to-day from New York. A poor affair. Paid \$9.54 on freight. Put it up in the S.W. Gallery. Mrs May called to see if it was here.

Dr Elliot & Dr Hill called.

Note from Dr. P. Clark asking for the memoranda (or copies) of the paintings & statuary of Genl. Manning S.C. which he says were sent here sometime ago. I remember nothing of the kind, nor have we any letter to show we received such papers. Wrote to Dr. C. to ask Gen. M. if they were sent here by some one else.

Chamberlin's man came at 10 ½ a.m., & worked until 2 ½ p.m. lettering.

Visitors 36 \$9.00 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos \$6.25

May 15

Bright, warm day.- the warmest so far.

Mr Williams sent in bill for hanging Washington's portrait.

Wrote to Dr. Dickinson St Louis, about the "Tintoretto" &c.

Mr Corcoran sent Dr Hunter here for Miss Poeshe's present, which was sent to him.

Admiral Powell called to know what could be done about Mr Conrad's letter referring to the purchase of Chapman's "Sancho Panza. Dr Hall was present, and he was told nothing could be done with it.

Mr Wm. Maury called with another letter on behalf of Mr Shepherd artist of Richmond who wishes to be our agent in Europe for purchasing works of art. The letter represents him to have had experience in Europe as agent for such things, a good French linguistic. Mr McGuire called- & took away one of his painted slabs.

350 Visitors 19 Catalogues \$4.75 Photos. \$2.00

May 16

Bright, and much warmer.

Note from Mr Hitchins asking ^on^ what days ^& what hours^ the Gallery is open.

Dr Hall called – he has a bad cold.

Miss A. C. Moorhead received permission to copy pictures & began with "Crossing the Rocky Mountains".

Mr McGuire & friends called.

Mrs Genl. A. Eaton called to inquire further about her Scott Statuette. I told her I had inquired if Mr Hyde knew any thing of such a work having been sent by mistake to Mr Corcoran. He never ^heard of^ such a thing. I afterwards saw Mr C. and he says the small statuette of Scott in his Library, he has had for many years. It is of the same design as Lamb Thompson's (who made Mrs Eaton's copy) & like the bronze statuette owned by Surgeon General Barnes. I visited the latter's office and had a long talk with Genl. B. about the work – its inception x. It seems that only ^3^ plaster casts of the statuette were made by Thompson, Genl. Barnes', Genl. Townsend's (in the War Dept) and Genl A. Eaton's, which Genl Barnes supposed was in our Gallery.

Visitors 37 \$8.25 Catalogues 5 \$1.25

May 17

Bright and still warmer.

Mr Cleveland called to see about ~~replacing~~ supplying new awnings.

De Haas "Cattle" sent away

Letter from Messrs. Myers & Hedian Balt, sending for De Haas' Cattle-piece. Got Mr Taylor to box it, & sent it by Express – Wrote them enclosing bill.

Letter from P. Wright & Sons Phila. stating that out Elkington Case had been shipped per "Illinois", but that steamer broke her shaft & returned to Liverpool, so that the box will not arrive ~~he~~ for some days, having left by the "Ohio" May 11th. Wish me to send instructions about the duty on the case, & where to send it.

Letter from Dr. B. Conrad Winchester Va. would like to send Chapman's picture of "Sancho Panza" &c to be examined by the Art Committee, if they think of buying it.

~~Wro~~ Declined by Mr Hyde for ^Mr^ Corcoran.

Letters to Mr Corcoran

Mr Hyde sent up a lot of paid bills & letters- among them a letter from G. E. Manifold, Charleston, proposing to sell the portraits of Mr & Mrs Izard by Copley – also a note showing that \$10. had been paid by the Gallery to Mr McKnight for his lost umbrella, with his postal receipt. – also a letter from Mr Comtvis offering a “Cropsey” –declined by Mr Corcoran. –also a letter to Mr Corcoran from Seibels & Ezell Columbia, S.C. offering for sale 3 pictures once belonging to Genl. J. S. Preston S. Ca- The Brigand” by Jas. de Veaux of S.C. painted at Rome in /47 from brigands in prison – Rebecca at the Well” by De Veaux from Rubens, & the “Madonna Imparnnata” ^copied^ by the same in Florence. Mr Hyde sent an estimate from W. H. Moore to print 2500 Catalogues for \$370. Mr McGuire called & took away the other bas-relief.

Mr Hyde says it would be well to send another copy of Mr Bradley’s bill to Mr Brooks.

The upper galleries are very warm, & need more ventilation.
Visitors 160 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos \$5.00

May 18

Bright and hotter still.

Mr Hernandez & wife called with a card from Mr J.M. Hart, artist, N.Y. He was amazed at the grandeur of the “Corcoran”. He bought 12 copies of the “Drove”, & some others.

Mr John R. Tait, artist, called & got permission to send some pictures here from N.Y. Academy.

Engaged Mr Taylor to put up the cotton screens in the picture galleries.

Sent to Jas. Wilton Brooks of N.Y. another copy of Bradley’s bill \$8.75.

Mr Moran landscape-painted called.

Letter from J.R. Key artist Boston stating he wished to bring here for sale to this Gallery a view of the Golden Gate, California of which he sends a small photograph. It received a medal at the Centennial Exhibition, Phila.

Visitors 51 \$11.00 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$12.00

May 19

Bright and still very hot—Thermometer 95!

Mr Taylor put up the cotton screens over the Main Picture Gallery.

Sent for Sullivan to clean the sky-lights.

One of the ventilators in the main Gallery is out of order.

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Letter from A. O'Mason Galesburg Ill. wanting a price list of our photos. & to know if we one of Detaille's "Regiment", answered it.

Death of Mr J.M. Carlisle- President of this Gallery

In consequence of the death of Mr James M. Carlisle, President of the Board of Trustees which occurred this morning at 5 o'clock, the Gallery was closed to the public until further orders. Dr Hall brought the information. Mr Carlisle has been failing for years, being blind, & very paralytic. He has been an eminent lawyer & of fine accomplishment. H. De Morgan of N. York called- an eminent archeologist.

Dr Jouy came with photographs- sent "Tuccia" to Miss Adams.

Visitors 167 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos \$4.00

May 21

~~Boar~~ In spite of showers of last night, it is still hot.

Board met 11 o'clock – present Drs. Hall, Profr. Henry, Mesr Matthews, Hyde, McGuire, & Cook. Resolutions expressive of regret & condolence were passed to the memory of Mr Carlisle. It was agreed that the Trustees & officers (Curators) should attend the funeral at his house at 3 p. m. this afternoon. Mr Walters telegraphed to know where the Board was to meet, & I replied at his house.

Reminiscence of Napoleon's 1. exhumation by an eye-witness

Professor Henry introduced a Genl. Froid or Floyd Governor of Bermuda, who spoke of Napoleon 1. He moved to France. He saw the coffins opened, & he states that the body was in wonderful preservation – there was little discoloration of the face, which preserved its fullness. The toes partially protruded through the decayed boots. Genl. F. was presented with a front view of photo of Napoleon.
The copyists were not admitted to-day.

Mr Walters came to the Gallery at 2 ½ p.m. He liked the new positions of the "Niagara" & the Regiment. I was sorry to hear from him that a fine marble bust of Henry Clay by Hart of Ky. was sold in N.Y. a few days ago for \$1200 or \$1500 – it is worth \$5,000. No one here knew of the chance, and hence it has slipped past us – such an one as will not occur for sometime for Hart is dead.

Mr Carlisle's funeral took place at 4 p.m. A great crowd attended. He was buried at Rock Creek Cemetery. A heavy shower came down upon us returning.

May 22

Cool & breezy.

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Private letter from Mr Bimce of the Art Journal inquiring about the artistic position of Miss Random.

Mr Sullivan will come to-morrow to clean the gallery sky-lights.

Visitors 238 Catalogues 7 \$1.75

May 23

Weather still cold & windy.

Mr Snow called asking me to examine a statue of Modesty.

Mr Corcoran called, improved enough to ascend to the Picture Gallery, which he had not done for months. He was pleased to see the copyists at work, & talked pleasantly with them.

Dr. Hall, and Gibson printer called.

Clol. Casey, Commissioner of Public Buildings called to learn from me where a good portraits of Madison & Monroe could be got. I wrote to Mr Walters at his request, to know if the former could be had in Baltimore.

Wrote P. Wright & Sons in answer to telegram.

Visitors 26. \$5.50 Catalogue 1 25cts Photos. .50cts

May 24

Weather cool and breezy. Cold enough for a fire!

Dr Jouy called about mounting the large Charlotte Corday.

Letter from Wright & Sons.—~~also a telegram~~ and wrote them stating that the Elkington case is to be sent to Georgetown C. House.

Mr Sullivan came to clean sky-lights.

Saw the statue of “Modesty” – not fine enough for this Gallery.

Rec'd from Miss Adams Poughkeepsie \$2.00 for photos. & sent a copy of the vestal to Miss Avery of the same place.

A.O. Mason Galesburg Ill. wrote for certain photos. & wanted price list. Sent it.

A conceited Negro brought a cane carved in a fantastic way which he wished to present to the Gallery. The papers stated next day that he had offered it to Mr Hayes (President de facto) while asking for an office, who declined it.

Mr Mason of Columbia called to learn who could dress up certain rough sketches of S.A. ~~sketches~~ antiquities designed for publication. I recommended Mr Seibert copyist.

Visitors 277 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos. \$2.00

Letter from Wright & Sons. Went to the Treasy Dept. and then sent a telegram to send the case by transportation entry in bond to Georgetown.

Consulted Messrs. Hyde, & Riggs whether it were worth while to send the above message, or pay the duty. They both thought I should first consult Mr Corcoran. The latter insisted upon paying no duty on the Elkington case in Phila. but have it sent to Georgetown.

Mr Corcoran will permit no more paid advertising.

In the afternoon was on Committee examining drawings of the boys at the Franklin School. A telegram from Wright & Sons came in my absence, declaring that I must also send power of attorney & owner's oath.

Miss Moorhead is to paint Fisher's Indian Autumn landscape.

Visitors 29 \$7.25 Catalogues 2 .50cts Photos. \$1.00

May 26

Weather still cool- but moderating.

Letter from Wright & Sons enclosing blank of owner's oath. Got a power of attorney filled by Mr Hyde and then had the "oath" signed by the Georgetown C. H. Officer and sent them off to Phila.

Sullivan finished cleaning the lights of galleries. Two panes of glass were broken by him.

Mr Parris called & said he would send up more water- color pictures for exhibition on Monday.

Dr Jouy brought a large Charlotte Corday, mounted on gray ~~pal~~ board, & other photos of it, with Lavcoons.

Visitors 370 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$6.00

May 28

Monday. Bright & mild, but our room is chilly.

My Hyde states that a new Trustee will be elected in Mr Carlisle's place at the meeting of the Board June 11.

Mr Sullivan finished his work this morning.

Miss Strong's "Taney"

Miss Strong sent here a copy by her of Healy's portrait of ^Chief^ Justice Taney, & wishes to have it placed in the Gallery.

Miss Coburn stopped painting, & has left the city.

Visitors 38 \$9.50 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$1.00

May 29

Bright and genial.

Letter from Wright & Sons. Elkington case will be shipped on Saturd. next.

Mrs. J. H. Ferry sent a painting of a Dog's Head, as a sample of her skill, & states that the ladies that engaged the "Drove at the Ford" had yielded in her favor and she wishes to paint it.

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Mr Frey of Phila. sends a sample of a Washington Souvenir.

Mr Chamberlen sent estimate to paint 27 D. windows, 12 basement do, & 1 large double-door for \$51.00.

75 tons of coal at \$4.35 (partly) came to-day.

Drs. Hall, Maynard, Hill, & Mr Laffau of Balt. called.

Visitors 205 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$1.00

May 30

Decoration Day 20 visitors!

Bright & warm – Decoration Day. Holiday for the public. Gallery open as usual:-- for the benefit of that class that is said to complain of having no time to visit it, after 4 p.m. when it is shut. Here is a test of their sincerity in this plea. Twenty persons in all visited it to-day! Perhaps if it had been free day there might have been a few more. 5 Sady copyists came, and I improved the leisure time by working at my “Vestal” & made good progress.

Dr Maynard called & tells me his son George’s picture of “76” will be sent here for exhibition very soon. Mr Sullivan brought his bill for cleaning lights - \$25.00: too high.

Robeson’s Vases.

Lieut Palmer called & stated that ex-secretary Robeson had got permission from Mr Riggs to place temporarily in this Gallery a pair of Chinese Vases, belonging to him. Mr Riggs sent up a note requesting me to place them in the Hall or any such suitable place. They will be here to-morrow at noon.

Miss Strong’s copy of Healy’s Justice Taney was placed in the east side-gallery. It looks well.

Visitors 20 \$5.00 Catalogue 1 25cts Photo. \$1.00

May 31

Warm & a little cloudy.

Letter from ^Mrs^ Oaksmith requesting me to deliver to Adams’ express agent her portrait of Genl. Knox, ^will^ write to her after it leaves.

Letter from A. O. Mason Galesburg Ill. enclosing two dollars for “Laocoon & Apollo 12 x 16. Sent them.

Mr Robeson’s Chinese vases arrived & were put in the Hall of the 2d. floor, with approval of Mr Riggs. Gave a receipt to Lieut Palmer.

Letter from Mrs. Shedd Providence.

Wrote to Mr Key, Boston, in reply to his letter of the 17th.

Visitors 230 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos \$6.50

June 2d.

Bright and warm.

Paid Mr McMahon \$2.50. Mr Whittaker called about his bill.

Placed Robeson's vases on pedestals in upper Hall. The pedestals are made from the roller of Cabanel's Moses.

Mr Sullivan reduced his bill to \$21.00. I certified to it.

Dr Hall called.

So few persons called to see the pictures that I worked on Vestal.

Visitors 43 \$10.75 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos \$2.00

June 3d.

Bright & hot.

Mrs. Heath called on the 31st, on behalf of Mrs. W. H. Cole to sell a large old picture (1626) by Louis Miller, representing Pomona, with fruits & flowers – size 4 ½ x 6 ft.

The Chinese vases in the upper Hall look well.

Elder's "Com. Maury"

Letter from J. A. Elder stating he had sent to me here, his portion of Commode Maury for exhibition and sale. The picture soon arrived. It is a very indifferent work and poor likeness. Price \$500.

Mr Corcoran came in looking very well & active – a remarkable recovery. He thinks the Maury portrait a poor affair, & declines to buy it. Mr W. Maury called about it.

Letter from Simpson Baker & Co. Phila. offering to sell the English glass case that held the Claret Jug at the Centennial, for \$75.

Delivered to Mr Moss the Knox portrait, & wrote to Mrs Oaksmith.

Visitors 75 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos. \$3.00

June 4

Cool & cloudy.

Letter from P. Wright & Sons, stating that the Elkington case had been stripped as freight by the Pennsylvania Railroad on Saturday, as Clyde's line refused to take it.

Major Powell (Exploring Expedition sent up 15 large photographs of scenery of the Yellowstone Scenery, & 400 smaller ones – all presented by him to the Gallery.

Mr Nicholson called. Is anxious to sell the miniature of W. Scott.

The attendance & number of copyists are falling off.

Visitors 19 \$4.75 Catalogues 1 25 Photos. \$1.75

June 5

Cool after the heavy showers in the morning.

Wrote to Mrs May about the payment of freight on Princetean's "Washington".

Wrote to Mr Moore, Lennox Library N. Y. in behalf of Mr Nicholson.

Met Mr Robseon (ex-secretary) at Rigg's bank. He introduced himself & drove me in his carriage to the Gallery, to look at the Chinese Vases. He tells me they were made for Admiral John Rodgers, & took 7 years to complete them, made at the Imperial Factory.

The prevailing ground color, yellow is only used by the imperial family.

Bill for carriage of Elkington case came in, paid it -- .85cts.

Wrote to Mr Walters, Appleton & Co.

Mrs. May sent up a check for \$12.39 for "Washington".

Recd 1000 letter envelopes – 100 large do from Whittaker.

Visitors 140 Catalogues 7 \$1.75

June 6

Cloudy- heavy showers through the day.

Letter from Mr Key, Boston. private. He offers to let Mr Corcoran have the "Golden Gate" now here as an offset to the latter's loan of \$500 (in 1866) with interest – though he would expect to be paid for the frame \$86.

Sent Dr Barbarin to Georgetown C. House to see about the Elkington. It is there- Duty on it \$65. Went to the Customs Bureau Treasy Dept. & saw chief clerk. As Mr Corcoran declares he will let the case stay in the C. House rather than pay duty, he proposes to wait until next winter, when Congress may pass a law covering free entry of such articles.

Arranged with Chief Clerk (Mr James) to go to Georgetown on Saturday & examine the article.

Paris' water-colors

Mr Paris, artist, left 3 more water-color pictures to be placed on exhibition. Views in Isle of Jersey.

Visitors 26 \$6.50 Catalogues 2 50cts.

June 7

Cloudy & cool.

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Note from Mr Walters. Will leave the matter about cleaning the pictures to Mr Riggs.
Will be away 10 days.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter from A. Dudley Mann Chantilly France, to Mr Corcoran,
describing several portraits of distinguished southerners.

Mr Corcoran called and declined accepting Mr Key's "Golden Gate" at present. He
looks very well.

Professor Henry called.

Mr Walters will not be here at the meeting of the Board, 2d. A parcel was received from
him, containing the two French photographs of the Last Days of Napoleon. They are not
much finer than ours.

Visitors 265 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos \$1.75

June 8

Bright and pleasant: though the Gallery was warm.
500 catalogues (less 6) sent up by Gibson new edition.

Meeting of the Board on Monday at 7 p. m.
Dr Hall called. Not very well.

June 9

Cool, breezy & threatening rain.

Judge & Misses Strong called to see Miss Strong's Judge Taney. Mr Corcoran sent up a
card introducing "Mrs Lewis & ladies & requesting to give them a catalogue. I gave one
of the new ones.

Wrote to Mr Gibson about the catalogue, being insecurely packaged.

Mr Nally (bookbinder) called, & will hereafter tie them in fifties.

At 3 p. m. Mr James of the Customs Division of the Treasy Dept. called & we went to the
Georgetown Custom House and examined the Tankard from the Elkington box. It is in
fine condition, & is a truly superb article. I requested to Mr James that the body or frame
of it was of bronze, like the Tankard I showed him in our case, and that the ornamental
part was of plaster & wax, forming what is called Fictile Ivory: & therefore as casts of
plaster are admitted free, the Tankard might justly be passed free of duty. He said he
would consult with the Asst. Secy of French, & let me know the result.

Visitors 245 Catalogues 10 \$2.50

June 11

Cool cloudy but afternoon bright and pleasant.

Mr Noah of N. Y. called to request permission to place his portrait of Louis XIV? when a
box in this Gallery. It belonged to his father Mordecai, who obtained it in Paris.

Dr. Hall & Mr McGuire called both complaining.

Visitors 34 \$8.50 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

June 12

Bright, breezy & pleasant.

Mr Lemmon commenced work in painting the outside of all the windows.

The clock is going again.

Sent \$1.75 to Appleton & Co. N.Y. for works on Preservation of Pictures.

Wrote to G. Plumer Smith Phila.

Professor Henry called & said he forgot the day when the Board was to meet, and as he goes away from town before Monday, the day of the next meeting is changed to Friday at noon, at Mr Corcoran's office.

Mr Cudlipp wished to copy pictures after 4 p. m. Declined.

Dr Hall called, but went away soon, complaining of ill-health.

Mr Corcoran called. He will leave next week for the "Healing Springs" Va.

A box containing pictures was brought here with a bill for Express charges of \$17.00.

Not knowing anything about it or hearing anything of it being sent, I declined receiving it. Shortly after, it was brought back, with the bill reduced to \$12.00. I declined again receiving it, until I knew what it contained, and from whom sent.

Visitors 52 \$12.25 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

June 14

Cloudy and very warm.

Clock has stopped again. Sent for Galt's man who said it was uncertain when he could come.

Dr Maynard called, and it appears that the picture sent up here was his son's "'76." he left money to pay the freight. Sent word to Express Office, to send the picture.

Mr J. H. Connell from Richmond Va. called to see if we would exhibit three pictures by Chas. LeBrun, France, representing scenes in the lives of Alexandra & Darius. It seems they were taken from the Louvre in /92, & brought to America.

Painters at work on windows of this room.

Galt's man came at 2 p. m. & overhauled the clock.

Visitors 195 Catalogues 14 \$3.50 Photos. \$1.00

June 15

Cloudy and sultry.

Letter from Miss Mattie Gainmvald ^Spartensburg S.C.^ wanting to know the cost of a copy of Charlotte Corday: also price per dozen of views of picture galleries, stereograms.

Maynard's "76

Maynard's "76" arrived at noon, at present in Trustee's Room.

Dr Welling elected Trustee

Board of Trustees met at Mr Corcoran's ^office^ at noon. Dr Welling, President of Columbia College, was elected Trustee in place of Mr Carlisle deceased, & Dr Hall elected President of the Board. Mr Matthews was elected Vice-President in place of Dr Hall. Authority was voted to increase the Contingent Fund \$100. when exhausted. Mr Nicholson called.

Mr Parkhurst of the Geotn. C. House brought papers showing the Elkington Vase had passed free of duty. I signed the papers, and paid \$1.75 Collector's fees. I am much gratified over this.

Visitors 55 \$12.25 Catalogues 5 \$1.25

June 16

Cloudy and sultry.

Dr Barbarin brought over from Georgetown the Elkington Tankard: it is in sound order.

Dr Barbarin went home sick at noon. Mr Hegeman is still absent from sickness.

Dr Hall remained housed from indisposition.

Visitors 306 Catalogues 12 \$3.00

June 18

Letter from Seiberls & Elzell Columbia S.C. requesting the Trustees to put a price on the pictures they offered for sale- once belonging to Genl. Preston.

Letter from G. H. Moore N. Y. stating that Mr Lennox does not want the Scott portrait owned by Mr Nicholson.

The painters are still at work.

Mr Copeland has been called upon to give estimates for a new set of mornings - \$42, for six.

Mrs. Morrell called.

Dr Hall remains indisposed.

Cloudy, some rain – bright & hot in the afternoon.

Visitors 35 \$8.75 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos .75

June 19

Bright and hot.

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Went to see Mr Corcoran. He was gone into the country.

Noah's Louis XV?

Mr Noah brought his fine portrait of Louis XIV? by. It is a fine work. It was obtained by his father Mordecai Noah in Paris. He sends it for exhibition but will not object to selling it.

Mr McGuire called, & was much pleased with the "76" by Maynard. He would like to have the Gallery buy it.

Saw Dr Hall. He is much better.

Visited Mrs Morrell, and examined her copy of Couture's "Decline of Rome." It is 14 feet long, and has many figures in it. It represents a fearful scene of riotous debauchery in Rome, where amid fine architecture, & the statues of great Romans, men & women are carousing in ^a^ lascivious ~~debauchery drinking~~ manner. It was interesting to see the chief courtesan in the work, modeled upon the recumbent figure of the "Two Fates." It is said Couture painted this picture as a warning to France, that her fate would be like Rome's, if she imitated her excesses. It was a great work for a woman to copy, and many parts are well-painted. Still much of the figure painting is of a very low order.

Ordered up from Boleter & Co. 1 dozen tumblers \$1.25 and a feathe duster for marble statuary. \$3.00.

Visitors 184 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$1.00

June 20

Bright & warm.

Wrote to Mr J. Wilton Brooks N.Y. about Bradley's bill. Saw at Mr Corcoran's house, a fine large engraving of Rocky Mt. Scenery by Bierstadt, who presented it to Mr C.

Mr Corcoran examined the "76" by Maynard which he had seen in Phila. He leaves it to the action of the Art Committee. He is looking remarkably well & goes to the Springs on Saturday.

Visitors 42 \$10.50 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

June 21

Bright and breezy.

Lemmon has finished painting the windows & his bill was certified.

Webb & Beveridge sent up bill for \$13.50.

Mr Guillaume artist called. He is interested in getting the Gallery to buy his portrait of Mr Carlisle.

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Mr Riggs sent up a letter and circulars from Edward Van Rentz urging the sending of representatives of artists & art Societies of this city, to the artistic Congress to be held in Antwerp, 19th of August, anniversary of the birth of Rubens.

Bierstadt's Mt. Corcoran rec'd

Mr Corcoran called & requested me to send for certain books, Bierstadt's engraving, and also a fine large oil landscape of Rocky Mtn. Scenery, the principal peak he calls Mt. Corcoran. Mr Guillaume thinks – and I am inclined to agree with him that that this picture is Mt Adams (formerly here) altered. It is powerfully painted. Bierstadt wants \$15,000 for it. Too much. It has no frame.

Mr Matthews called.

Visitors 177 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 photos \$1.00

June 22

A cold windy day – winter clothing necessary. Placed the Fictile Ivory Tankard in the case.

Bierstadt's "Mt Corcoran"

Mr Bierstadt came, and soon had a frame brought here for his picture, which improved it. At my suggestion he altered the forms of part of the clouds. He also brought from the War Dept. one of the Wheeler Expedition maps, showing the position of Mt. Corcoran, in it by name. So it is gratifying that the name is a fixed fact < . . > and not a whim. Mr Bierstadt gave an interesting account of that country.

Gen Emory U.S.A. I invited in to see the picture, He admired it extremely. In the afternoon Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called to see it again, & were much pleased. Mr Hyde at first did not think it extraordinary but afterwards confessed it was grand. I am now inclined to think it is not the Mt. Adams altered, but a new picture as Bierstadt asserts.

Mr B. approves of sheathing the backs of pictures with wood, as his picture is. He says it will preserve it from dust, and not cause dry-rot.

He spoke of a process of ~~taking~~ printing copies from negatives on common paper, and at his suggestion let him take away one negative of "Corday" to show me the result.

Perhaps it is the "Calotype" process by Mr Sartain. I consulted him about any Schaeffer's "Weeper", & he promises to speak to a picture-cleaner in New York about it. Went home quite unwell.

Visitors 39 \$9.25 Catalogue 5 \$1.25 Photos \$1.00

June 23

Cold & bright.

Sent Gibson's bill for the Catalogue to Mr Hyde.

Photo of Ranch

Dr Maynaud called & left a photograph of Ranch, sculptor.

Saw Dr Hall, found him much better.

Visitors 280 Catalogues 8 \$2.00

June 25

Bright and hot weather.

Very dull attendance at the Gallery.

It seems after all that Mt. Corcoran was not engraved on the War Dept. map, but written there by one of the officials at Mr Bierstadt's request! That looks like sharp practice on the part of the ~~visit~~ artist.

Dr Hill called.

A Mrs. Martin of California called to see Mr Corcoran, an old acquaintance of his.

Samples for awnings sent up by Mr Hogan.

Visitors 29 \$7.25 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos \$6.40

June 26

Bright & hotter.

Note from N. D. Graffin University of Va. wishing a price list of our photographs. Sent it in a note.

Mr J. A. Elder (artist) of Richmond Va. called.

Mr Riggs called & examined the Bierstadt & Fictile Ivory Tankard.

Mr Larkin Meade (sculptor) called and exhibited a new model of his to modify the Washington Monument. He proposes to put a standing statue of Washington on the column as it now stands, the figure to be 100 feet high, of beaten copper.

The order for the awnings sent to Copeland at \$7.00 each.

A delegation of Richmond people visited the gallery.

Visitors 260 Catalogues 15 \$3.75 Photos. \$1.00

June 27

In spite of the heavy rains last night, still hot.

Photo of Baptistry Gate

Letter from Mrs Shedd sending a photo of the Baptistry Church Florence, showing the Ghiberti Gate.

Mr F. McGuire called, he admired the Bierstadt & "76".

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Letter from Appleton & Co. receipting for \$1.25 only. Wrote to them if there was not a mistake, as I supposed I had sent \$1.75.

Mr F. McGuire ordered 8 photos to be sent to Lieut Evans Boston – at cost.

Mt Hyde notified Dr Welling of his election as Trustee on the 25.

Visitors 18 \$4.50 Catalogues .50cts photos \$1.00

June 29

Cool and bright & pleasant.

L. S. Nayden 811. 21st. St. called to sell a work called “Dictionaire des Monogrammes Marques” of Painters & Engravers &c by Bruellivt Munich 1832. 3.vols \$25 belonging to a person in N.Y.

Postal Card from Dr Hall asking to call at Solomons’ and examine some old books of engravings pertaining to art.

Mr Hyde sent up Dr. Welling’s acceptance of his election to be Trustee of this Gallery – also a letter from Mrs Cromwell ^to Mr Corcoran^ proposing to sell a copy of Stewart & Antiquities of Athens 1787 – also “Runis of Spatatro”. Pozzo’s “Architecture on Perspective”.

Note from Appleton & Co. returning my order for the books, showing that the am \$1.75 had been erased and altered to \$1.25 – rather mysterious!

Dr Hall came in- the first time for 3 weeks.

He looks feeble. 5 of the new edition of the Catalogues.

Visitors 42 \$10.50 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos \$6.00

June 30

Cool & bright.

New awnings put up by Copeland.

New edition of Catalogue

Five of the new edition of the Catalogue sold.

Wrote to D Appleton & Co. about the order for the books, sent to me & returned it to them.

Wrote to Mr Key, Boston.

Went home to see my sick wife, and was too unwell to return to the Gallery.

Visitors 202 Catalogues 9 \$2.25

July 2

Bright & pleasant after yesterday's extreme heat.

Letter from Mr Bierstadt N.Y. recommending Mr Volmering of that city to visit us at our expense to examine our "Weeper" by Scheffer, and look to the backs of our pictures.

Rec'd bills from Mr Lamb \$5.50 - & Markriter \$8.40.

Engaged Mr Taylor to move mask of Juno to the vestibule of the Sculpture Hall. A great improvement.

Mr Rhigert Le Droit Building has a fishing scene by Benjm. West \$200 – also pen & ink sketches by West.

Mr Solomom brought up Mrs Cromwell's "Antiquities of Athens" &c, but though Dr Hall favored the purchase for \$50, Mr Riggs objected- to my great regret.

Visitors 17 Catalogues 17 \$4.25

July 3

Rainy & cold again – winter clothes comfortable.

Informed Mr Hyde that Mr Bradley had called for his money for packing the Brooks' bust, and he (Mr H) will attend to it. Sent to him Perry's bill for Japanese case lining (merino) \$9.40.

Visitors 165 Catalogues 9 \$2.25

July 4th.

Clear & cool. National Holiday & Gallery closed.

Improved the day by working at the "Vestal" on a platform prepared yesterday by Mr Taylor.

By the carelessness of the Janitor's family, persons finding the door open, walked in, & had access to all the rooms without my knowing it.

Letter from G. Plumer Smith, stating if his Grandfather's portrait is not ready by this week, he does not want it before September.

July 5.

Cool and cloudy.

Saw Major Elliott U.S.A. & got another map showing Mt. Corcoran. He will send us a map of the war in Europe.

Wrote to Mr Bierstadt in reply to his letter of June 27/77.

Visitors 318 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos. \$3.00

July 6

Cool & pleasant.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran enclosing letter of Ezell & Seibels S.Ca. &c to Mr Church artist, about protecting the backs of pictures, and to D. Appleton & Co. enclosing .50cts.

Mr Taylor put up the maroon merino behind the Napoleon & Pulaski.

Visitors 27 \$6.75 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

July 7

Cool & pleasant.

Mr Guillaume's "Carlisle"

Mr Guillaume sent his portrait of the late J. M. Carlisle, President of our Board, painted from a photograph of 8 years ago. It is an excellent likeness considering it was not painted from life. It has the defects of Guillaume's work- too smooth & too much vermilion as in the shadows, particularly around the eyes.

Schindler's view on the Blackwater

Mr Alexander artist & amateur, called an interesting gentleman Mr of the Smithsonian Institution left a scene on the Blackwater for exhibition & purchase.

Profer. Dashiell of St. John's College Annapolis, called also Dr Hall & Mr Lee of the War Dept.

Visitors 231 Catalogues 11 \$2.75

July 9.

Cool & pleasant, but afterwards sultry.

Bill receipted from Appleton & Co – for books \$1.75.

Mrs Genl. Eaton of Genl. Jackson's exploded first cabinet fame appeared in the Gallery, and was much interested in the pictures, and talked intelligently about them.

Wrote to Geological Survey office to know the height of Mt. Corcoran.

Visitors 20 \$5.00 Catalogues 3 75cts Photos. \$1.00

July 10

Cloudy & sultry.

Paid Towles' bill, \$1.75.

Judge & Mr **Mat.** Pleasants of Richmond called.

1 Catalogue presented

Miss Cooper called to get permission to copy Niagara yesterday. Father Wiget told that the old wharves in the "Vestal" picture were exhumed only 14 years ago.

Visitors 181 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

July 11

Clear & pleasant after an early shower.

Mrs Carrington's bronze vases

~~Letter~~ Card from Miss V. C. Carrington Healing Springs Va. stating she had two bronze vases sent to this Gallery for purchase by Mr Venable of Charlottesville. Wished to be informed if the Gallery will take them. Called at Mr Fitzhugh's to whom she referred to see if he was authorized to pay the freight. Did not see him. Found at the Gallery Mr Matthews & Dr Hall. They approved of my paying the freight.

Heard of the safe arrival of Miss Welling at Antwerp.

Mr Hedgman asked for & got leave of absence for a week on account of ill health.

Visitors 18 \$4.50 Catalogues 2 .50cts photos. \$1.00

July 12

Clear & pleasant.

Mr Fitzhugh called, I told him what I would do about Miss Carrington's bronzes.

Mr. Matthews advises closet for catalogues to be put in the side-washroom. Am to receive estimate from Williams for the work.

Dr Hall & Mr Lee called. Dr Barbarin left at 3 p.m.

Visitors 290 Catalogues 15 \$3.75

July 13

Cool & pleasant at an early hour—hot as the day advanced.

Letter from F. E. Church, giving his views ~~of~~ on protecting backs of pictures.

Miss Cooper came & commenced "Niagara".

Mr Corcoran returned my letter & that of Seibert & Ezell's and disapproves of paying ^any part of the^ expense on freight of Genl. Preston's pictures. Wrote to Seibert & Ezells, declining paying freight.

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Wrote to Mr Sartain, Phila. for his views on the best means for protecting the backs of pictures.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 38 \$7.00 Catalogues 2 50cts

July 14

Cool & pleasant in the morning – but a hot sun afterwards.

Gave a catalogue.

Letter from Mr Bierstadt stating he will send the promised Rocky Mt. engraving tomorrow (with a copy for Maj. Elliott). He will leave for Europe in 2 months & at that time send for the picture. He also requests me to send him any printed matter relative to Art Institutions, for the benefit of one to be started in Columbus O.

Dr Hall called & thinks the cotton & shelac for pictures, to be a good plan of protecting their backs.

Gen Solicitor of the Navy Dept. came in.

Visitors 220 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos \$1.00

July 16

One of the hottest days of the season.

M. B. Johnson applied (with a specimen) for permission to copy the works of the Gallery.

Darrell (Janitor) left on a fortnight's leave. Dr Barbarin went home at 1 p.m. unwell, & Mr Hedgman is still sick.

Mr G. O Holbrooke, Trinity College Hartford called for information about casts. Gave him Brucciani's catalogue.

This afternoon was the hottest of the season.

Visitors 20 \$4.75

July 17

Cloudy & warm but with some breeze & rain.

Letter from John Sartain in reference to preserving backs of pictures, & suggesting oiled table-cover cloth for this purpose. Sent him a postal.

Box from Mr Bierstadt enclosing his Rocky Mt. engraving, one for self, Dr Barbarin & Maj. Elliott- each. Sent Maj. Elliott's.

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Mr Lee of the War Dept. & Mr Gillatt (private secretary) called to see the St. Memin
Portraits.

Wrote to Mrs. Brooks enclosing Bradley's receipt.

Visitors 220 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. 50

July 18

Cloudy and very sultry.

The bronze-vases from Mr Venable arrived to-day.

Mr Fitzhugh called & stating that he was authorized to receive them until October, when
they would be brought back to this Gallery. I let him take away after leaving a receipt.

They are beautiful but more suitable for a private parlor than for this Gallery.

Rev. Dr Lewis with Miss Harwell called.

Wrote to Mr Bierstadt & sent Catalogues & Deed & Charter of this Gallery for the
Columbus Art. Institution.

Visitors 50 \$11.75 Catalogues 6 \$1.50

July 19

A cool rainy morning.

Agent of the Salamander Grate Co. called with models &c of improved grates for
furnaces.

Wrote to Miss Carrington about her vases, -- that they were taken away hence.

Dr Hall & Dr Hill.

Visitors 182 Catalogue \$1.75 Photos. \$6.63

July 20

Cloudy and warm.

Dull attendance at the Gallery.

Visitors 29 \$6.20

July 21

Sultry.

Though Saturday the attendance was slight, The excitement about the Rl.Rd Strike. Went
to B.&O. Office about Mr Key's' picture.

Visitors 175 Catalogues \$1.50

July 23

Monday – cloudy & very sultry.

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Interesting letter from Mr White at London – now in Paris who exhibited some pictures here in the Spring. He sends me a printed notice of Miss Thompson's pictures and a copy an illustrated French journal showing a view of the Exposition Building of /78.

Ordered mops for Thomas, with Soda.

Visitors 5 x 4 9 \$7.25

July 24

Hot and sultry.

Dr Hall called & left a pair of photos of a Christian Martyr (Milan School) sent to him by Mrs Genl. Stevens of La. late Translation in Interior Dept. She wishes to sell the statue which cost \$4,000.

Mr Hyde called & inquired about the Carrington bronze vases. He said Mr Corcoran would be willing to pay the freight. Mr C. writes that his eczema in the legs is just as bad as ever, -- from the knee down in a state of suppuration. Poor old gentleman, this is sad news. He is now at the White Sulphur.

Letter from Mr Key requesting answers to this queries.

Visitors 160 Catalogues \$1.25

July 25

Weather warm and oppressive.

Just 6 months since my arm ^was^ broken, and my wrist is still swollen & painful at times, and I cannot clench my ^left^ hand.

Card from Miss Carrington stating Mr Fitzhugh had mistaken her order. She wishes him to take charge if the vases after the Trustees had declined them.

Mr Neckman got his card of admission to copy, & began with "Forced Prayer".

Baher's portrait of Prof. Shepherd

Judge C. P. James called & asked permission to place here for a ^few^ months a portrait of Professor Shepherd Mineralogist by Geo. Baher. Granted. The pictures is a good work, and the pearl-pin in the Mineralogist: cravat I almost too conspicuously fine.

Visitors 21 \$2.75 Catalogues 1 25cts.

July 26

Promises to be the hottest day of the season.

The night was certainly the most oppressive.

Visitors 134 Catalogues 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$1.00

July 27

Another hot day.

Messrs. Hyde & Matthews authorized Mr Thomas to give estimates for case for catalogues.

Miss Darrell requests her kitchen-chimney Mr Thomas to be cleaned. Ordered Thomas to get the Sweep.

Visitors 24 \$1.25 Catalogues 1 25

July 28

The morning cool by last night's showers, but as the day advanced the heat as great as can well be.

Mr Thomas came, but as there will be a meeting of the Building Committee soon, the catalogue case matters will then be decided upon.

The Sweep came & swept 8 flues at 20 cts. per story.

Dr Hall came.

Drew \$100. from Mr Hyde for Contingent Fund, and paid the sweep \$5.40.

Visitors 212 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 Photos. 50cts

July 30

Monday, cooler in consequences of the terrific storm of rain last afternoon.

Letter from P. Wright & Sons Phila. stating had forwarded 4 copies of Elkington's Catalogues. They have arrived. Wrote an acknowledgment.

The Building Committee met at noon, Messr. Hall, Hyde, & Matthews.

On motion Mr Hyde was authorized to have an inspection of the Furnaces & Boilers, by the Janitor of the Corcoran Building.

The asst. Curator was authorized to have rollers attached to the windows, -- also steps to the windows (3) of the Trustees' Room.

The Curaotr was ordered to procure an estimate for the for a book-case between the front windows of the Trustees' Room.

Mr Matthews suggested that the Photograph Oak-Case be improved by converting two draws into one removing the bottom of the upperment.

I called the attention of the Committee to the wants of the Picture Gallery -- the protection of the backs of the pictures &c. This was considered outside of their control, & a meeting of the Board at Mr Hyde's office at 11 o'clock on Thursday next. August 2d. when I am to submit a statement showing the necessity of doing something to protect the backs of pictures.

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Visitors 19 \$2.75 Photos \$1.00

July 31

Cool and pleasant.

Williams offers to make steps for windows for \$10.00.

Telegram from C.P. Stevens Balt. His man will be here at 3p.m.

Mr Neilson came at 3p.m. Dr Hall present, & took measurements for the ~~desk~~ book-cases, & will return with estimates.

Visitors 185 Catalogues 5 \$1.25

Aug 1.

Cloudy & cool, threatening rain.

Mr Thomas came & offered to make steps for our windows for \$7.00. Gave him the order.

Mr Darrell returned from his leave.

Baheer's Prof. Shepherd

Hung Professor Shepherd's portrait in the E. Gallery.

Visitors 31 \$7.75 Catalogues 1 25cts Photos. \$2.00

Aug 2d.

Cloudy and pleasantly cool.

Letter from Elkington & Co. Birmingham, England, enclosing bill £ 217.6. Gave letter & bill to Mr Hyde.

Letter from Geo. Plumer Smith, stating he will be here at the close of August.

Letter from C. P. Stevens, Balt. offering to make new book case for \$200. Sent him order to make it.

Board of Trustees met at Mr Corcoran's office at 11 a.m.

The Building Committee authorized the Curator to order the new book-case from Stevens for \$200.

I submitted a statement in behalf of covering the backs of our pictures, after much discussion, the matter was left to the Art Committee. It is understood that the Pictures Gallery be cleaned thoroughly.

Mr Hyde read a report of the Janitor of the Corcoran Building on our heating apparatus.

Dr Hall called & examined the Galleries.

Visitors 170 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos \$3.50

Aug 3.

Bright and pleasant.

Rec'd letter from John R. Key, in reference to his lost picture.

Mr Thomas is putting in rollers to the window-sashes.

Mr Neilson came with his man & took measurements & designs for the book-case. He says he will make a bracket case for the Claret Jug for \$15.00.

Dr Barbarin left at noon.

Clark Mills called & gave an interesting account of his late trip to Florida to take casts of heads of Indian captives for the Ethnological Society Boston.

Visitors 28 \$7.00 Catalogues 3 .75cts Photos. \$3.00

Aug 4

Pleasant day.

Visitors 189 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 Photos. \$1.00

Aug 6

Morning pleasant, but the afternoon hot.

Dr Hall and examined the condition of the picture galleries – No word yet from Mr Walters about backing the pictures.

Visitors 19 \$4.00

Aug 7

Cloudy & pleasant, -warm in the afternoon.

Went ot Mt. Vernon.

Map of the seat of war in Europe

Recd from Maj. G. H. Elliott U. S. Engr. a copy of the map of the Seat of War in the East, issued by the U. S. Engineer Office. Visitors 200. Catalogues 2 50cts. P. \$2.50

Letter from a Mr Impey concerning the authenticity of certain landscapes by myself (a view on Lake George) & by a Mr Chapin which are in Iowa, and were bought a sale here in Washington years ago.

Wrote to Mr Walters to send his opinion upon the protection of the backs of pictures.

Visitors 13 \$3.25 Catalogues Photos

Aug. 9.

Rainy and cool.

Wrote to Mr Impey.

Sent to Gorman to repair water-closets.

Visitors 147 Catalogues 50cts

Aug. 10

Bright and cool-.

Letter from Mr Walters. He never heard of covering the backs of pictures from dust, & declines giving an opinion. On showing his letter to Mr Riggs, the latter declared himself opposed to the plan, and of course the proposition is killed. I regret it, but wash my hands of the consequence.

Dr Barbarin returned at 1 p.m.

My Hyde came in & after examining the picture-galleries doubted whether it was even necessary to remove the dust from the cornice or the pictures!

Visitors 16 \$4.00 Catalogues 2 50cts.

Aug. 11

Bright & pleasant.

Very dull day. Dr Jouy brought stereograms & bill.

Visitors 180 Catalogues 2 50cts.

Aug. 13

Warm, with thunder showers.

Examined the cornice of the picture Galleries.

Men still engaged in putting in the window-weights.

Visitors 26 \$5.00 Catalogues 3 75cts Photos. \$1.25

Aug. 14th.

Cool, somewhat cloudy.

Mr Matthews called with letter from Mrs. Bull, asking if an artist -St George- could copy the "Veiled Nun". If he wishes to model it, he can do so, but will not be allowed to take a cast from it. Mr Matthews is to write this.

Saw Mr Hyde, & spoke to Mr Matthews about cleaning galleries.

The window-sashes are now finished by Mr Thomas.

Visitors 234 Catalogues 10 \$2.50 Photos. 75cts

Aug. 15

Bright & pleasant, though sultry at mid-day.

Letter from J. H. Connell Richmond, asking if the Art Committee had agreed upon admitting 3 pictures by Le Brun on exhibition. Wrote him to know the sizes.

[on 16 Mr Thomas brought the 3 steps for the windows of the Office.]

Mr Chamberlin has been ordered to put in 5 large panes.

Dr hall called.

Visitors 14 \$3.50 Catalogues 1 25cts Photo. 25cts

Aug. 16

Beautiful bright day.

Attendance in the galleries increasing.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 267 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$2.50

Aug. 17

Bright, cool, & pleasant.

Postal card from J. H. Connell Richmond, giving the sizes of his Le Brun pictures.—2 5
ft x 26, 1 3 ft. 4 x 26 in.

Mr Hyde reports Mr Matthews as averse to cleaning the cornice of the main picture-
gallery.

Visitors 25 \$5.50 Catalogues 2 50cts

Aug. 18

Weather continues beautiful & bright.

Yesterday went with Mr Lee, War Dept. to see an old picture of his at Barlow's – a good
one, & Flemish.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Thomas called, Certified his bill \$71.93.

Visitors 245 Catalas 6 \$1.50 Photos \$1.00

Aug. 20

Bright and pleasant in the morning, Sultry afterward.

Mr Clark Mills called – also Dr Hall.

Nothing done yet about cleaning the galleries.

Visitors 23 Catalogues 3 75cts Photos. \$1.00

Aug 21

Weather continues the same, but is hot towards mid-day.

Dr Jouy brought more Charlotte Corday (large) and stereograms.

Wrote to J. H. Connell, Richmond telling him to forward him pictures by Lebruni. Also
sent copy of "Regulations".

Wrote to Miss Moorland (copyist) Laurel, advising her that the copying in the Gallery
was still going on.

Visitors 180 Catalogues 3 75cts

Aug 22

Weather still the same – cool nights – hot through the day.

Drs. Hall & Ashford met here to-day and examined the cellar and water-closets, to see whether malaria is generated in them to the sickness of the Janitor's family. I did not see them.

Visitors 33 \$8.25 Photos 25cts

Aug 23

Weather cloudy & cool- signs of rain, which is much needed.

Dr Hall came and stated that a complete overhauling of the Janitor's water-closets will be made.

Visitors 305 Catalogues 9 \$2.20 Photos \$1.00

Aug 24

Cloudy and cool.

Sellman's Sir Joshua Reynolds by himself- so stated

Mr Chas. W. Sellman, Rutland, A. Arundal Co. Md, called with the picture of Sir Joshua Reynolds, which he claims to have been painted by that artist, and brought from England by his (Sellman's) grandfather before the Revolution. It imitates an old torn portrait in black brown yellow & white of Sir Joshua, tacked on a board. It is well done, but is not a pleasing work, and is not like the received portrait of him. Mr Sellman wants \$10,000 for it! He has no proof of its authenticity.

The plumbers came to repair Janitor's water-closets.

Visitors 21 \$5.25

Aug 25th

Left this morning for Manassas Va. to return on Monday afternoon. Visitors 245 Catala 5 \$1.25

Aug. 27

Very hot.

Connell's pictures

Mr Connell's pictures by Lebrun, arrived to-day. They are old pictures in good condition, but of very ordinary merit.

Visitors 73 \$11.25

Aug. 28

Another very hot day.

I learn that on Saturday a Mrs J. J. Young wishes permission to have ~~daguerotype~~ photographs taken of our ceramic articles as illustrations of a work on Ceramic Art for Harper's to publish. The Asst. Curator in my absence advised her to make a formal application for the privilege, to the Board of Trustees.

It seems another indecent outrage has been perpetrated in the Sculpture Gallery, by some blackguard. Thorwaldsen's Venus & Clytie having both received black marks in the ~~pube~~ pubis of the statues.

Mr Thomas (plumber) has been at work in altering & improving the water-closet, sewers of this building so as to remove all sources of foul air, sewer-gas, and overflow from rains.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter & receipt from Elkington & Co. London, for the last purchases \$216.7 £ 180 - £ 36.7

B. H. Pollock Miss. (Vicksburg) wrote & enclosed 30 cts for stereogram of "Greek Slave," including postage. Sent them.

Letter from G.P. Smith Phila, enclosing 5 dollars for Seibert, and if the copy cannot reach him by Thursday to keep it until I hear from him. Sent a card to Mr Seibert, asking to come to-day. Varnish the picture, to be sent to-morrow.

A Mr H. Inman from Kansas, & son of H. Inman the ^late^ eminent artist, called to see if the Gallery would buy a picture by his father, representing a scene in the woods with figures – in the style of Morland. It is now in Boston & he will send for it, to be submitted to the Art Committee, & placed on exhibition.

A marvelous story & coincidence about Lincoln's portrait & murder

A Mrs Col. Smith, called to offer for sale a portrait of Abraham Lincoln by Wright, an artist in Indiana. She stated gravely that when ~~this~~ Lincoln was shot, this picture fell from the wall, and afterwards when Ben Wade of Ohio, was pointing its excellences to a friend with a pistol-cane, the cane went off & the bullet struck the portrait precisely in the place where Booth's ball hit, the late President! A marvelous coincidence! As Mrs Smith knows Mr Corcoran, she will call when he returns.

Visitors 245 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 Photos. 25cts.

Aug 29

Another hot day after one of the hottest of nights.

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Gave to Mr Seibert the \$5.00 remitted for him by Mr G. P. Smith, Phila. & wrote to the latter that the the picture being varnished to-day, could not reach him to-morrow, so will keep it until he writes again.

Thermometer at 93.

LeBrun's pictures

Hung the Lebrun pictures in the S.W. Gallery.

Visitors 35 \$8.75 Catalogues 3 75cts

Aug 30th

Another hot day but with some breeze.

Dr. Hall, Col. Wheeler & friend called.

Visitors 256 Catalogues 10 \$2.50

Aug 31

Another very hot day!

Mr Riggs handed me papers to be filed, containing the a/c & yours. of Mr Lucas in Paris for the year 1876 – the balance of the fund to his credit there, being returned to Messrs Riggs & Co. Washington.

Boughton's "Smokers"

Mr Riggs also shewed me Mr Boughton's letter to Mr Walters Balt. stating that the picture of the "Smokers" from Irving's "Knickerbocker's History of N. York" was shipped for this country on the 21st of Aug. He advises that is be "varnished in 3 months – in copaland by a competent hand."

Letter from J. H. Connell containing 75 cts for cartage. He wishes to know what the Art Committee thinks of them.

Dr Barbarin went home ill at 12 ½ o'clock.

Dr Hall called. He thinks the cornice of the Octagon ought not to be cleaned at present, but simply sweep the walls.

Visitors 61 \$15.25 Catalogues 5 \$1.25

Sept. 1

The new month brings a cooler temperature, but in spite of the cloudiness & breeze, it is still sultry.

Dr Barbarin sent word that he is too unwell to be here.

Wrote to Profr. E. H. Van Ingen. Vassar Female College Poughkeepsie for a copy of their art Catalogue, & sent one of ours.

Wrote to J. H. Connell Richmond acknowledging 75cts.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 230 Catalogues 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$1.50

Sept. 3

A very cool- almost a cold day with a northwester.

Paid Mr Seibert ten dollars more remitted by Mr G. P. Smith, in token of his satisfaction with the picture. Perhaps he will order another copy.

Visitors 32 \$8.00 Catalogues 8 \$2.00

Sept. 4

Cool weather, but warm towards midday.

Engaged Mr Sullivan to paint some busts.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 290 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. 50cts

Sept. 5

Weather growing warmer, shower in the course of day.

Mr Hyde objects to taking up the carpet in Trustees Room.

Visitors 45 \$10.25 Catal. \$1.25 Photos. \$4.00

Sept. 6

Rain from the South in the morning, changing to a very cold rain from northeast.

Large leak in the Picture Gallery skylight- making it necessary to place a tub on the floor.

Wrote to Mr Sellman.

Visitors 114 Catal. 3 75cts Photos. \$2.00

Sept. 7

Rainy and cool morning.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Thomas & men removed the furnace vent in the Trustees Room where the new book-case is to stand, and repaired others in the galleries.

Visitors 38 \$9.50 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

Sept. 8

Cloudy and very cool- but with no rain.

Mr Corcoran returned from the White Sulphur Springs last night I am told.

Visitors 285 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 Photos \$5.50

Sept. 10

Bright and pleasant.

Miss Spear of Alabama applied for & rec'd permission to ^finish a^ copy Charlotte Corday- of small size, in a few days.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 26 \$6.50 Catalogues 2 50cts

Sept. 11

Cool and raining.

Leak in the main P. Gallery skylight.

Sent my chair to be newly-cushioned by Williams & Co.

A dull day.

Visitors 183 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos. \$3.00

Sept. 12

Heavy rain in the morning- bright afternoon.

Mr Hedgeman applied for additional leave from Sept. 17th to Oct. 1st.

Main Gallery floor very wet. Sent for Chamberlin to stop leak, necessary to have a tub there to catch the water. Cover my chair is returned – newly cushioned.

Got from Mr Riggs a letter from Mr ~~Riggs~~ Lucas, Paris referring to the gallery Acct. closed there, and transmitting a letter from E. Dettaille requesting the Trustees to loan to him for exhibition at Paris in 1878, "Le Regiment qui passé". The request is disapproved by the Art Committee & others of the Board, and I am directed to write to Mr. Lucas to that effect.

Rec'd ^with a letter from Mr Bland^ the lot of photographs sent by the N. Y. Museum of Fine Arts. They are beautiful, comprising several from objects in the Cesnol & Castellani Collections & from a medallion likeness of Gen. R. E. Lee, by Rinehart.

Mr Corcoran's first visit to the Gallery after his return.

Went to pay my respects to Mr Corcoran who has not been out much since his return on the 6th. I found him in his Library, looking very well, but though in good spirits, he still complains of his complaint eczema, which worries him in the arms, by their excessive itching. His walking powers too are very limited. I showed him the Lee Medallion by Rinehart, but he considered it no likeness at all. In the afternoon he came to the Gallery with his grand-son & met here Miss Jones (his niece) and Miss Tunstall of Richmond, & Miss ____ of Va. He was very cheerful, but was soon fatigued, & had to leave without seeing the Picture Gallery. He had not strength to mount the stairs. Poor gentleman, it is sad to see his powers thus gradually decaying, but beautiful to witness his patience & good kind manner.

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Gave Miss Tunstall copies of the photos. of Napoleon Vestal Tuccia, & Alsace.
The steamer bringing Boughton's new picture is at Baltimore.
Visitors 52 \$11.75 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 Photos. \$8.00

Sept. 13

Cloudy with heavy showers.
Mr Lee of State Dept. called.
Visitors 228 Catalogues 7 \$1.75

Sept. 14

Bright and pleasant.
Letter from Mr Walters stating that he had seen the new Boughton picture at the C.
House, where "20 or more persons" were looking at it", & that most likely it will be here
to-day. He considers it a "great success, and worth a dozen of his other pictures.

Miss J. Young sent a note in reference to her formerly expressed wish of having photos.
of our Ceramic vases, & asks the privilege of an artist being allowed to sketch those of
which we have no photographs.

Mr Stevens Balt. sent his bill for the book-case not yet rec'd. \$213.

Miss Tunstall called to see if Boughton's picture had arrived.
Dr Welling (new Trustee) also called.
Mr Riggs looked in for a moment to see the "Boughton".

Mr Clark Mills called also Dr Hall.
Mr Hyde sent up a communication from Mr Messer, artist, requesting that an instructor in
drawing from the casts be appointed to teach advanced pupils.

Wrote to M. Dettaille artist Paris, conveying the refusal of the Trustees to loan to him for
the Universal Exhibition there in 1878, his "Le regiment qui paase".

Sent a photo ^of Corday^ to Mrs C. P. Manning, Baltimore.

Visitors 77 x 7 84 \$19.25 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$20.50

Sept. 15

Bright and very hot.
Rec'd from Mr Walters a letter enclosing a letter from Mr Boughton, & a newspaper slip
(Baltimore Bulletin) containing an eulogistic notice of the picture. Mr Walters will not
be here for 10 days.

At 10 a.m. the new picture arrived. It is certainly a fine production, but not at all superior to his "Heir Presumptive." The group around the Governor is smoking in solemn Dutch gravity, and even the crowd beyond is respectfully quiet. I think a ripple of mirth over the faces of the latter would have varied the interest & heightened the effect of the story. There are several prominent defects of drawing, in the picture.

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At 1 p.m. the new book-case arrived from Baltimore – a very handsome one but not such fine work as the first case.

Mr Corcoran, D Hall, & Mr Hyde & Mr Riggs came to view the Boughton. It is generally admired.

Messrs T. B. McGuire & Mr Colgate also called – likewise Mrs Morrell artists, and Miss Gardner artist from Paris.

Wrote to Miss J. J. Young N. Y. giving permission to photograph our ceramics.
Visitors 400 Catalogues 11 \$2.75

Sept. 17

Rainy, though clear in the morning.

Letter from Mr Walters, enclosing extract from "Knickerbocker", the letter from Mr Boughton, & a two-column critique by McCoy/ his partner.

Messrs Riggs, Hall & Hyde examined the "Edict" again.

Wrote to Mr Stevens about the case.

Placed Franklin's bust & the Mask of Jupiter on the cases.

Mr Corcoran sent here Miss Bryan's ^copy of Healy's^ portrait of G.W. Peabody, to her framed for \$20. Visitors 36 \$8.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00

Sept. 18

Bright & cool.

New book-cases arranged.

Mr B. Smith of Balte. & Mr Lee State Dept. called.

V. 320 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$3.00

Sept. 19

Quite cool.

Dr Jouy engaged Mr Ward to photograph "Edict" to-morrow.

V. 47 \$11.00 C. 4 \$1.00

Sept. 20

Cloudy and cool.

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Mr Ward last night declined work at the "Edict", and Dr Jouy got Mr Gillingham to take a negative after 3 trials.

Genl. Hunter, Admiral & Mrs Powell & Admiral Poor called & admired the "Edict."

Dr Hall called.

V. 370 C. 19 \$4.75 P. \$4.25

Sept. 21

Bright and pleasant.

Dr Jouy brought unsatisfactory proof of "The Edict".

Mr Corcoran requested me when in Phila. to learn the price of "The Escape of Charles XII, in the Swedish collection of the Centennial Exhibition, now in the Penns. Acady. to which he says was offered to have for \$2500, but is now held at \$3250.

He wished me to call to see Mrs. Rhind Capitol Hill who has offered to sell a picture to him.

Visitors 52 \$13.00 Catalogues 3 75cts

Sept. 22

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Corcoran called, & for the first time since his return from the Springs, visited the Painting Galleries. He desires Guillaume's portrait of Mr Carlisle to be bought for the Gallery, & approves the plain glass in the corner-gallery skylights.

Mr Gillingham came & took a negative of the "Edict."

A number of Negro charity-children visited the Gallery. They behaved well, & were sensibly dressed in neat coarse cloth.

V. 371 C. 14 \$3.50 P. \$3.00

Sept. 24

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Gillingham's proof of the "Edict", is a failure, & then made several trials for a better negative.

Letter from Mr Key about his picture.

Postal card from Miss Fowler ^Chilocothe,^ for catalogue- Sent it.

V. 52. \$12.50 C. 3 75cts

Sept. 25

Bright and warm.

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Hung the "Edict" in East Gallery with maroon curtain around it. The light is not strong enough there. It attracts less interest than was expected.

Mr Gillingham took another negative if it.

Went to see a portrait of Dr. N. Potter of Balt. – very poor also to see Mrs. Rhind's picture, old & ordinary, & so told Mr Corcoran.

~~Sent catalogue to~~

V. 380 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$3.00

Sept. 26

Bright and warm.

Note from Mr Avery N.Y. requesting Catalogue, & newspaper notices of "The Edict", with unmounted photo of it.

Letter to Mr Corcoran from Amos Binney, Boston, proposing sale of Lentze's "Storming of the Teocalle," at Mr C. request, I wrote to Mr B. declining the purchase.

Mr Clark Mills brought a portrait of late Prest. Gen. Zachary Taylor by Vanderlyn, painted in 1852, & about the cast of V's works. Painted from life in Washington, & was won by Mills in a raffle for \$350. It is offered to the Gallery for \$100. If well authenticated, Mr Corcoran will buy it. It is in good condition save a little dirt, & some scratches.

Mr Gillingham had to take another negative of the "Edict."

Escorted Mr Corcoran through the gallery, & introduced him to the lady-copyists.

Mr C. wishes me to get from Mr Hyde Sartain's letter to him about the Charles XII picture.

Dr Renbling of Balt. called & described a process of in Munich, by which cracks in the varnish of pictures can be removed by fumes of heated alcohol & ether spirits of turpentine. He promised to send me, a plan of the box.

Told Mr Corcoran my impression of Mrs Rhind's picture, & he was satisfied that it was not a desirable one.

Visitors 58 \$14.50 C. 3 75cts P. \$2.00

Sept. 27

Cloudy, some rain, but in the afternoon clear.

Mr Corcoran came and inquired about a picture from N. Carolina which soon arrived & proved an execrable one.

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Mr Riggs called to say he was willing to buy Guillaume's Carlisle. Mr Guillaume came with an application to the Board to be appointed Teacher of Painting in the Gallery.
Visitors 450 C. 16 \$4.00 P. \$11.00

Sept. 28

Cloudy, warm, & threatening rain.

Dr Jouy brought last negative of the "Edict", & stereos of the E. Sculpture Hall. Ordered new ones of Main S. Hall & the Bronze Room.

V. 53 \$12.25 C. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.00

Sept. 29th.

Bright and warm.

Met Mrs Gen Ricketts in the P. Gallery – an interesting talker on Art: has trained much. She told me she left N. York City when a bride of 18, to live in frontier-posts. After the first battle of Bull Run, when her husband was wounded & taken prisoner, she followed him to Richmond & was with him & forty-two other officers ^imprisoned^ in one room for six months!

Mr Hackett (lawyer of Mr Key) came & got my deposition about Mr Key's last picture.

Stereos of Bronze Hall were taken by Gillingham.

Wrote to Siebels & Co. Columbia S.C. to send their pictures at their expense.

Mr Corcoran repeated the story of his getting the Greek Slave.

Wrote to Mr Key & to Mr. Binney.

V. 440 C. 18 \$4.50

Sept. 30

Sabbath.

Oct. 1

Bright and genial.

Gallery open to the public at 10 a.m. – to copyists, 9 ½ a.m.

Note from Miss Fowler Chilicothe, for catalogue, enclosing 28cts.

Professor Henry & Dr Hall called.

Invites Spotted Tail & his Delegation to the Gallery.

I proposed to the latter to invite the Indian Delegation under Spotted Tail, to visits the Gallery. He approved it & I then spoke to My Hyde who getting Mr Corcoran's assent. I wrote to Lieut Clark (in charge of the Indians) an invitation requesting him to name the day & hour.

Made deposition on oath to Key's lawyer, about the circumstances of sending off K's picture.

Mr Lamb came to take away the frame of the Taylor portrait, & received an order for the landscape from N. Ca which is to go the Louise Home.

Visitors 33 \$8.25 Cats. 5 \$1.25

Oct. 2d

Pleasant & sunny.

Capt Brown (late naval officer at Shanghai) called to request permission to exhibit here an Emperor's Table (Chinese) curiously carved.

Lieut Clarke writes & accepts the invitation to the Indians who will appear to-morrow at 10 a.m. I left word last night at his hotel that we wished them to come in Indian dress.

Hart's H. Clay

Dr Gillette says he will send us for exhibition his statuette of the "Four-leaved clover."

Mr Walters came & says the "Edict" by Boughton, is worth forty of his other pictures.

He also states that Hart's bust of Henry Clay can be had 500 or 600 dollars.

Rev. Dr Townsend spoke of a bust of Dewitt Clinton by Launitz in N. York.

Clark Mills says he presents to the Gallery his ↑bronze↓ bust of Washington, & wishes to know if his son can put on exhibition here in the Gallery, his cast of Eve.

Visitors 321 Catal. 10 \$2.50 P. \$3.00

Oct. 3d.

Cloudy & mild.

In expectation of the Indians, Mesr. Corcoran, Hall, & Hyde called at 10, and at 11 o'clock Genl. Crook came, and shortly after Spotted Tail & 23 other Indians headed by Lieut Clarke, descended from omnibuses, & were received in the Trustees Room, Lt. Clark introducing each one by name to us, they shaking hands & saying how! They were in full native garb, though a few wore slouch hats and Spotted Tail wore a new black silk hat, of which he seemed very proud.

I took them through the galleries, & tried to make them understand the leading objects. They were puzzled over the Theseus & Centaur, seemed to admire the "Wrestlers" and "Gladiator", but took no notice of the Venuses at all- not even the "Greek Slave". In the Picture Gallery they laughed heartily over "Fun & Fright", and gazed earnestly at the picture of Columbus & his family, as I explained through the interpreter, that the former first brought the pale-faces to the land of the Indian.

The Indians were then arranged in a double line, with Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & others at one end, & myself & assistant at the other. The negative of taken for the stereoscope was a success, but the larger one was a failure, & the forms of myself & assistant left out. After this, the Indians assembled in the Trustees Room, to receive some photographs as

presents. Dr Hall had selected for Spotted Tail our large "Greek Slave", & ~~told~~ handed it to him through the interpreter, Friday, a full blooded Indian. Spotted Tail took it, turned it round, & then returned it to Friday with a few thankless grunts. "What?" said Dr Hall, "won't he take it?" "No!" replied Friday in very pithy Saxon, "he says if he takes it, every time he looks at it, he will want a woman!" The effect of this speech upon the crowd ~~caused~~ was a roar of laughter. Mr Corcoran laughed heartedly & then closed the presentation scene, by promising to send to the Indians copies of the group photographed. He afterwards told me to preserve the photograph rejected by Spotted Tail, & to ~~place~~ note on its back, the above incident. He also gave a copy of it to Mrs. Genl. Crook, & told her the reply of Spotted Tail! There were several ladies in the room when it was made, but perhaps they did not hear it.

Visitors 138 \$20.25 Catalogues 5 \$1.25 P. \$1.00

Oct. 4

Heavy showers all day with wind. Cyclone! leaks in the galleries very few persons present.

Mr Gillingham brought proofs of Indian Group- large one a failure.

Cellars very wet for a while.

Visitors 49 Cats. 11 \$2.75

Oct. 5

Clear, with cold northwest winds.

Collins' man came to stop leaks in the skylights.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall & Clark Mills came.

Mr Hyde sent up letter from Mr H. W. Williams St Louis, proposing to sell a portrait of Thorwaldsen, said to be by Sir T. Lawrence 1817, & a volume to be given with the picture if bought. He was told to send it if he wished at his own expense, for approval.

Also Mr Roberts' report about the boilers &c. Wrote to Bunce about the Boughton picture. V. 57 \$13.25 Catala 9 \$2.25

Oct. 6

Bright, cool & pleasant.

Mr Collins reported extensive damage of the sky-light.

Capt. Brown called & stated that circumstances prevent him from sending the Chinese Table. He considered our cloisonné table & vases very valuable & rare, but thinks Mr Robeson's vases are only ordinary.

Great attendance in the galleries.

Touches up the Taylor portrait.

Galt's man overhauled the clock, & said the works must be open 1 week.

"Blackwater"

Mr Smilie took away the "Blackwater" view.
Visitors 660 Cats. 19 \$4.75

Octr. 8

Cloudy and cool.
Mr Walters forwards a letter from Kranskopf, asking permission to copy pictures on
Saturday – referring it to the Board.

Letter from Auguste Machade, Paris offering Spanish pictures for sale. Answered by Mr
Corcoran declining them.

Letter to Mr Walters from Dr Russell, Cenury Club N.Y. offering to sell $\frac{3}{4}$ length portrait
of Calhoun painted by Stewart of Charleston, Declined.

The heavy & rain of last night postponed the meeting of a quorum of the Board, only three
members being present, Hyde, Riggs & Welling. Some informal business done. Repairs
to roof left to the Building Committee.

Mr Krauskopf's request cannot be granted – to copy on Saturday.

Mr Gillingham brought proof of Indian Group – accepted.

Visitors 34 \$8.50 Cats. 7 \$1.75

Oct. 9th.

Bright & pleasant.
Mr Stansbury called & spoke of a picture of a Flower-girl in Va. which a friend wishes to
sell.
Visitors 391 Catala 16 \$4.00 P. \$1.00

Oct. 10th.

Fair & genial. Dr Barbarin unwell.
Varnished Gel Taylor's portrait. It looks very well.
Dr Jouy brought photographs, & got titles for the new ones.
Photos of exterior & interior of Penn Academy of Fine Arts from Mr Corliss.
~~Gave~~ Mr Lamb ~~order for a~~ brought the frame for Taylor's portrait.
Clark Mills called. He was surprised at the change in the "Taylor".
Mr Thomas repaired ventilators.
Visitors 47 \$11.75 Catala. 6 \$1.50

Oct. 11th.

Bright & somewhat cool.
Placed the Carlisle portrait in the gallery.

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Put the Taylor portrait in the frame.

Genl. Hunter came in. Does not think the "Taylor" a good likeness. He campaigned for years with the General.

Dr Barbarin still unwell.

Visitors 365 Catalogues 20 \$5.00 P. \$2.00

Oct. 12th.

Bright windy & cold – no fires yet, furnaces out of order.

Wrote to M Corliss acknowledging his present of photos.

Mr Taylor finished stalls for the photographs (stereoscopic).

Professor Henry came. He thinks the "Taylor" a good likeness.

Mr Coolidge from Boston came to arrange for photos of the Ghiberti Gate for Osgood & Co's work on it. He exhibited interesting specimens of the Heliotype process of printing copies from photos, engravings &c.

Visitors 47 \$11.75 Cats. 16 \$4.00 P. \$1.00

Oct. 13

Mild & sunny.

Sent my application for leave for 14 days from 17th to the Building Committee. Granted.

Mr Smilie called about photographing the "Gate" for Osgood & Co.

Dr Hall laid up with lumbago.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hill called.

Oct 15.

Bright & very warm.

Sent my copy of Tuccia to Whitaker's on exhibition.

Turners went up & examined the roof.

Sent to Major Elliott, his copy of Bierstadt's engraving.

Mr Guillaume says Mr Corcoran approves the appointment of a Teacher in painting in the Gallery.

Visitors 14 \$2.75

A meeting of the Board at 7 ½ p. m. six Trustees present, Messrs Hyde, Matthews, Henry, Welling & McGuire & Riggs. The Building Committee were authorized to repair the furnaces as proposed by Mr Roberts.

The Communication of Messrs. Messer, Guillaume and Stierlin were referred to the Art Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to Clark Mills for his gifts of a bronze bust of Washington & statuette of Pious Mother.

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I sent in a communication requesting an allowance of \$50. towards my expenses while north examining the art, institutions &c. Refused.

Authority was given to the Art Committee to purchase picture by Kensett & or any other American artist.

Mr Hyde introduced a set of resolutions referring to the exhibition of pictures in this Gallery – adopted.

Oct. 17

Bright & warm.

Letter from Corliss of Phila. Will send titles of the photos he gave.

Corrected a list of Trustees for B.P. Poore's Directory.

Saw Dr Hall. He was indignant over the spirit & scope of Mr Hyde's resolutions about artist's pictures. He took a list of those now on the walls.

Miss Norcross got a copyist's card.

Sent unmounted photo of Boughton's picture (Edict, and newspaper notice of it to Mr Avery N.Y.

Genl. Eaton & delegation from the Educational Convention called. Among them Professor Newell of Md. & Regent Newman of the University of Ky.

Visitors 92 \$23.00 Catalogues 14 \$3.50 P. \$1.75

I left the Gallery at ½ past twelve to-day on my trip to Phila, New York & Boston, returning to my desk on Oct 31st. at noon when my leave expired.

My trip was a most interesting & instructive one & I was fortunate in having fine weather, save for two days. My chief object was to examine the Art Galleries in the above cities & note therein any points which might prove of service. In Phila. I saw Mr Sartain in reference to the picture of the "Escape of Charles XII of Sweden" which Mr Corcoran wished ^me^ to see & learn if it was held at the price \$2500, for which he says it was offered to him when at the Centennial. I saw it at the Academy, & it is held at 3250 dollars. In Phila. I also saw the portrait of Daniel Boone, which Bingham the artist certifies he saw Chester Harding painting in 1821, from a pencil sketch. It is held at \$5,000 – also a portrait of W. H. Crawford Secy of War in 1817 said to be painted by Jarvis -\$150. I wrote the above facts to Mr Corcoran. In New York & Boston I visited the Museums of Art, but though they possess many important things we have not, the effect of their new Buildings is far inferior to the Simple grandeur of this, while their casts are not to be compared with ours—so deficient are they in arrangement & relief. I was gratified to see the superior arrangements in the Boston Museum for drawing – from the simple elements up to the Life Model Room – also a capital plan for hanging pictures without wire on grooved slats with ring-screws.

The following minutes of daily occurrences are supplied by the Asst. Curator up to Octr. 31st. when I returned.

Oct. 18

Clear & mild.

John A. James applies to copy the casts. Granted.

Mr White from Paris (here last spring) came & presented two views of the French
Exposition Buildings, & a portrait of Thiers.

Osgood's agent left Yale's portfolio of photographs of the "Gate" as a pattern for Smilie
when taking negatives for Osgood.

Clark Mills came & explained how casts of Washington's bust could be proved to be
from the Original by Houdon, or not.

Genl. Maury & friend called to see the portrait of Commodore Maury.

Visitors 625 Catal. 37 \$9.25 P. \$3.00

Oct. 19

Messr Corcoran & F. B. McGuire called.

Mr Smilie ^to^ make arrangements with Osgood's agent.

Visitors 119 \$29.00 Catalogues 8 \$2.00

Oct. 20

Letter from Mr MacLeod.

Dr Jouy delivered photographs.

Dr Hall came.

Window in Sculpture Hall broken by a trap-ball. Could not find a police officer.

Visitors 543 Catalogues 32 \$8.00 P. \$1.75

Oct. 22

Cloudy & cool.

Sent to Mr Corcoran's for a statuette of a "Southern Slave" by Jas. A. Blankinship of
Richmond Va. Address Watt & Co.

Chamberlin lettered the Photo Case – one day's work.

Visitors 67 \$16.25 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 P. 7.95

Oct. 23

Cool & clear.

Clark Mills account of how he got the Houdon cast

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Clark Mills left a statement as to the Houdon cast of Washington, his connection with it
&c.

Glass put in the windows.

Mrs Storer exhibit some of the 3 volumes of Board's painted by herself in water colors
from Wilson's work. \$18.00 ^pr. sett.^

Mr Corcoran requested "Southern Slave" to be put where it could be seen. Placed in
Bronze Hall.

Mr Wilson brought a tracing ~~by Raphael~~ from Raphael's head of Dante, for the Curator,
from Miss E. Williams with a note to Mr McL. It hopes the Gallery would buy the
original, & also the Morelli views of Rome.

Mr C. Kichox called & stated that the original of the Cast of "Phoebus" was found in the
views of a Greek city, over old Troy, & hence it is a Greek relic. If that be so- the
Smithsonian Institution misinformed me.

Visitors 450 \$22.50 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 P. \$11.00

Oct. 24

Clear & genial.

Men commencing the work of tinning the roof.

Visitors 90 \$22.50 Cats. 9 \$2.25 P. 25cts.

Oct. 25

Cool & pleasant- but cloudy in the afternoon.

Mr J. Noah sent for & got his portrait of Louis XIV.

Letter from Mr Stierlin, wishing return of Genl. Spinner's testimonial. Could not find it.
(This & other paper's were in the possession of Mr Hyde.

Ordered a load of kindling wood.

Letter from Mr H. Doyle 786-8 Broadway N.Y. Offers for sale Bronzes &c for sale.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 575 Catalogues 37 \$9.25 P. \$8.75

Oct. 26

Cloudy & cool.

Letter from Mr Loring, Curator of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, asking for copy of
Regulations &c.

Visitors 95 x 3 = 98 \$23.75 Catalogues 16 \$4.00

Oct. 27

Cloudy & some rain—cool & unpleasant.

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A lady brought list of old pictures for sale in Baltimore, belonging to Mrs. Terrill, 132 M
Culloch St. Baltimore.

Men began repairing furnaces.

Drs. Hall & Hill came in.

Visitors 385 Catalogues 20 \$5.00 P. \$2.00

Oct. 28

Clear & Bright.

Letter from B.B. Baily applying for list of photos, (sent.

Oct 29

Letter from Northwestern University for catalogue. Sent it.

Miss Eustis wishes to copy living flowers in the Gallery.

Granted.

Visitors 54 \$12.50 Catalogues 7 \$1.75 P. \$5.25

Oct 30

Mild with rain.

Furnaces repaired & two running. The 3d. useless until new grates from New York are
put in.

Letter from Mrs. Vogl about photos. Sent \$2.15 for "Napoleon" and "Lost Dogs".

Mr Matthews came in.

Visitors 240 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 P. \$5.25

Oct 31

Cloudy & cool – in the afternoon bright & pleasant.

Back at my desk again, in improved health.

Saw Dr Hall who tells me that in my absence Mr J.G. Chapman, artist & painter of the
"Baptism of Pocahuntas" (in the Rotunda of the Capitol) who has lived for 30 years in
Italy, visited this Gallery & was very enthusiastic of over it—its contents & their
arrangement. He particularly praised the cast room, wondering where we got them &
wishing to know who arranged them. He said further that nowhere in Italy did he see
such a collection of casts, or so admirably arranged. This is certainly gratifying praise,
but it only confirms what others say. I was sorry to hear that Mr Chapman left the city on
his way back to Rome, before I could meet him.

I find nothing has been done in modifying Mr Hyde's Resolutions about pictures on
exhibition.

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Mr Hyde has returned after an absence of 12 days.

Dr Barbarin goes on leave to-morrow for 15 days.

Drs. Hall & Cox came in.

The Art Committee has not acted yet on the artists' applications for teachers in Drawing & Painting here.

Visitors 48 Catalogues 3 75cts

Nov. 1

Bright and pleasant.

Drs. Hall & Hunter & Miss Hunter came. The latter had sent a flower-piece to be varnished for the "Louise Home" – the frame to be repaired by request of Mr Corcoran.

Letter to Dr Hall from Mr H. B. Frist shown to me about pictures, which Dr H. will answer.

Photographs of Corday ran out – Sent for more.

Gave a copyist's card to Miss Sweetland.

I find that during my absence, the so called portrait of Reynolds is fearfully cracked by exposure to the sun. It was all right when I left.

Visitors 480 Catalogues 24 \$6.00 Photos. \$9.00

Nov. 2d.

Storm of rain & wind.

The artists' communications which the Asst. Curator was sure were in my possession, were after all in the hands of Mr Hyde, & afterwards of Dr. Hall, from whom I got them.

Mr Stierlin came & took away the bust of Periander to repair for five dollars.

Gave permission to Mr Smilie to use our wash-room instead of the cellar, for his photographing, he being in delicate health.

Mr Lamdin ^artist^ & Mrs Eliot came. He tells me that Sully painted the bust of the small portrait of Madison, from Stewart's picture.

Mr H. K. Brown sculptor, called with Mr Fred. McGuire. He admires the growth of the Gallery, admired the "Pompeian Toilette", ~~but~~ and also the "Edict", but is certainly chary of praise to the work of other sculptors. He is here about the placing of his bronze ^equestrian^ statue of Gen. Greene.

Sent to Lamb's for some one to repair frame for "Louise Home".

Mr Nicholson called to fix day for Miss Smith's pupils to visit the Gallery, under my guidance, Tuesday 6th.

Saw Mr Corcoran. He declines to give over \$2500 for "Charles XII. He was robbed of his gold watch (\$600.) while leaving in the train from Richmond.

Visitors 43 \$11.75 Catala 8 \$2.00

Nov. 3d

Bright & pleasant.

Col. Cutts called for my advice about the prices the pictures of his niece Mrs. Maj.

Williams, ought to bring at the sale of the pictures of Gov. Shepherd.

Dr Jouy brought 8 photos of Corday – 7 of large vignette of Napoleon, and a mounted copy of the Indian Group.

Endorsement of the truthfulness of "Mt. Corcoran"

Dr Hall & Mr Coolidge of Boston came in.

Capt Taylor introduced Genl. Frisbie of California. who says Bierstadt's "Mount Corcoran", is faithful in every respect.

"Union" newspaper ordered to be left.

Another pane in the Ladies' Room broken by Janitor's servant.

Visitors 43 \$11.75 Catalas 8 \$2.00

Nov. 5

Cloudy with rain.

Mr Smilie at work on the "Gate".

Rec'd from the editor of Appleton's Art Journal, a note and ^a^ drawing on wood taken from the photo of the "Edict," which I had sent to him, requesting me to note its deficiencies, make suggestions, & return it, which I did. It is a capital drawing, & will embellish my notice of the picture in that journal. Wrote to him.

Sent to Chamberlin to repair glass in Ladies Room.

Visitors 44 \$11.00 Catalas 2 50cts. P. \$2.00

Nov. 6

Windy and cold. 4th anniversary of my curatorship.

Letter from A.J.H. Way, Baltimore. Wishes to send grape pictures here for sale. Wrote him, it was not allowed.

Letter from Mrs D.M. Day Bloomfield N.J. proposing sale of a large picture by Heydeck of Konigsberg called "The Departure of Siegfried." Declined.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran. The latter has recovered his watch.

Mr Stierlin returned bust repaired.

Mr Lamb made a design for a frame for the Pompeian Toilette," to be made by a French engravings of Corday & La Pia.

Rev. Dr. Parker, Miss Smith & 20 pupils came and I took them through the Galleries explaining the works, for which one of the young ladies, made a graceful acknowledgement in behalf of her companions.

Visitors 332 C. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.00

Nov. 7.

Send the artist's letter to Mr Riggs for Mr Walters.

I spoke to Mr Riggs about the design ^of frame^ for the Pompeiian Toilette". Went to see the pictures for sale at Gov. Shepherd's.

Mr Corcoran wishes to have the bronze vases sent back.

Visitors 64 \$16.00 Cats 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.00

Nov. 8

Cloudy.

Sent note to **W.M.** Fitzhugh to remove bronze busts, he could not be found, afterwards wrote to Miss Carrington about them.

Went with Col Cutts to his house, & saw portraits of his parents by Gilbert Stuart, & of others by Sully – all very fine. Then we went to Gov. Shepherd's to inspect the pictures & statuary belonging to the latter & Col. C.'s niece Mrs. Maj. Williams, late widow of the late Senator Douglas. Only two one of the pictures I thought desirable for the Gallery. Mr Riggs thought all were unworthy.

The Oliphant collection of pictures in New York will be sold about Decr 20th. A fine Kensett – "Autumn on Lake George" is among them.

Rev. D Watkins & friend came & were delighted with the Boughton picture.

Dr Hall.

Visitors 350 Cats. 11 \$2.75 P. \$3.00

Nov. 9

Clear & mild.

M. J. B. Durand (son of the artist) called. He is just from Paris & will soon return there. Gathered much artistic news from him.

Mr White (who was here last spring) also from Paris called. Had agreeable conversation about the Exposition of 1878. He took away his photo of Thiers.

Mr Collins reported roof & skylights all tight after the driving rain of last night.

Senator Randolph & daughter called & took away his three pictures. Sent also Mr Poole's pictures, & flower-piece to "Louise Home."

Visitors 64 \$14.50 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. 3.25

Nov. 10

Cloudy, rainy & then clear.

~~Wrote~~ Found Elkington & Co's printed account of the "Pompeian Toilette".

M 'Chas. Ewing sent the portrait of his child, again for safe keeping – always welcome.

Dr Jouy brought photos of Indian Group for Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall, framed at Gallery's expense.

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Colored damsel lost check for her umbrella, and left 25cts & address, in case it is found.
Building Committee authorizes substitutions of plain glass for figured in the corner-
galleries' sky-lights.

Visitors 356 Cats. 16 \$4.00 P. \$2.00

Nov. 12.

Clear cool and pleasant.

Letter from Key's lawyer about the lost picture. Saw Rl Rd agent &c who refuse to
furnish name & Receiving Clerk

Thomas took dimensions of Gallery- sky-light-panes.

Paid Mr Stierlin five dollars for repairing bust.

Mr Corcoran, Miss Eustis & Miss Jones called. Introduced my sister E. to him & spoke
in reference to the **snigulas** (blower at the Louise Home.

Dr Jouy brought more photos of Indian Group & Corday & Maury stereos.

Visitors 103 \$25.00 Cats. 17 \$4.25 Photo 50cts

Nov. 13

Clear & genial.

Wrote to Mr Hackett to call about Key's picture.

Rec'd Catalogues of Kensett's pictures, Keramics, Armor &c N.Y.

Judge James took away Baker's portrait of Prof. Shepherd.

Mr Fish of Baltimore says there is a fine full-length portrait of Henry Clay in Baltimore
for sale, belongs to Mr Hughes.

Mr McGuire came in, feeble & cheerless.

Visitors 427 Cats. 16 8/4.00 P. \$5.40

Nov. 14

Clear & mild.

Dr Barbarin sent letter from Mrs Vogl. She had received a copy of Lost Dogs by mistake
of Dr B. instead of one Last Days of Napoleon. Sent her the latter & requested return of
↑ other ↓.

Mr Guillaume brought his new picture of flowers.

Mr Hackett's clerk says that Mr H. is away north, to return next week.

Drs Hall & Hill called- also Mr G. Plumer Smith.

Wrote to Trowbridge & Jeannings Auburn N.Y. offering photos at 25 & 15 per cent.

Visitors 65 \$15 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.00

Nov. 15

Clear & warm. Wrote to Mr Sweethand that his picture was not ↑acceptable↓.

Wrote to Mr Key's lawyer, correcting my deposition & quoting the evidence of Thomas Cassidy.

Mr Corcoran called. He thinks the sky of Guillaume's picture too blue – Dr Hall does not like the building. The flowers & vase however are in the first style of flower-painting.

Placed the Key to "Cromwell & Milton" in frame.

Carpenters on roof dropped nails through the skylights, breaking glass.

Rec'd postal from Hall & Garrison Phila, acknowledging order.

Gave Miss Stout copyist card- to draw from casts.

V. 580 Catal. 25 \$6.23

Nov. 16

Bright & too warm after last night's heavy shower.

Received postal from Miss V.P. Carrington, stating that Mr Corcoran had intimated if the Gallery did not buy her vases, he would try some way of disposing of them.

Dr Barbarin returned to his duties to-day.

Letter from Mr Bland transmitting printed circular from C. Leemans, Director of the Royal Netherlands Museum of Antiquities at Leyden, giving a list of objections stolen therefrom in July 1877.

Mr Guillaume called and after some discussion upon the objectionable points of his flower-piece-its excessive blue sky and the heaviness of the building, he took it away to alter it. His price for it is \$1,500.

Wrote to Mr L.

Mr Riggs objects to ordering anything for the gallery- the frame for the "Pompeian Toilette" for instance, while a certain rule of the Board is unrescinded. He also says that Mr Walters ~~for~~ is opposed (as he is) to the proposition of the artists referred to the Art Committee by the Board.

Mr Fish called about going to see the Clay portrait.

Visitors 59 \$13.75 Catalogues 2 50cts. P. \$1.00

Nov. 17.

Bright & very warm.

Mr Wilson Vice-Prest. Artists' Association, went with me to see Mr Corcoran for his approval (as President) of a plan to have a Loan Exhibition of pictures in their Gallery, Vernon Row, to be held from 1st. to Dec 20th. Mr C. seemed to think it was hardly practicable, though wishing success to the enterprise.

Dr Barbarin tells me that a few days before my return, there was no appearance of damage to the Reynolds picture.

Postal from Mrs Shedd acknowledging the photos.

Dr Barbarin is sending off photos to Trustees &c.

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Mr Corcoran called and stated that Mrs. Tayloe would soon send here as a present a marble bust of Byron by Thorwaldsen.

Admiral Almy called & viewed the objects in this room.

Dr. Hall called.

Visitors 490 Catalogues 15 \$3.75 \$P. \$6.00

Novr. 19th

Cool & bright.

Mr Hyde sent up Mr Joseph Adams to look at our gasmeter, with a view of knowing what it will cost to attach to it Mr A's patented regulator.

Clark Mills called.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones came in & went through the galleries & I introduced Miss Norcross & other copyists to them. He told me that W.D. Washington artist (deceased) first displayed his talent by copying on a wall Leuzte's Columbus, & that he Mr Corcoran supplied him with money to study his art.

Sweethand's Sir J. Reynolds

Mr Sweethand called & took away his Reynolds". He is confident of its authenticity, & wanted me to write to the Royal Academy & learn if such a picture had not been stolen therefrom, as Mr T insists, was the tradition in his grandfather's family, & is hinted at in Cunningham's life of Reynolds. I declined to do this, but gave him the address of Mr Avery N.Y. who may be able to get information on that point.

Visitors 45 \$11.25 Catal. 7 \$1.75 P. \$4.00

Novr. 20

Clear, mild & pleasant.

Mr Thomas began work on the corner sky lights.

Gave Mr H. Reynolds a large "Corday" for Mrs. R.

Wrote to Curator of Penn. Acady. of Fine Arts, Phila, enclosing 25cts & 2 stamps, for omitted postage on photos. sent to them.

Went to Brady for names of our Indian Group. He promised to have them ready tomorrow.

Drs. Hall, & Hill & Mr Worthington called.

Visitors 580 Catal. 25 \$6.25 Photo. 25cts

Nov. 21

Cold, cloudy & threatening storm.

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Letter from Trowbridge & Jennings, Auburn, stating willingness to receive a lot of our
photos.- several of each of the best subjects – especially that large Charlotte Corday.

Wrote him & sent package.

Mr Hackett called & saw Thomas about his evidence abou. Key's picture.

Miss Emma Cole called & got card for copying pictures.

Miss Clyman is in Mr Prescott's class.

Mr Corcoran, Dr Welling & Miss Robinson called.

Visitors 60 \$15.00 Cats. 7 \$1.75 P.

Nov. 22

Cold & raining.

Mr Thomas finished putting glass in one sky light.

Mr Renwick (architect of this building) called. He proposes painting ceilings of upper
Landing Hall, & the Octagon with stained glass (portraits of artists) in the former.

Wrote to Trowbridge & Jennings, Auburn N. Y. & sent a lot of photographs.

Note from Mr G. H. Chickering Boston, requesting small copy of Charlotte Corday –
Sent it, & wrote to him.

Visitors 195 Catalogues 13 \$3.25

Nov. 23

Cloudy & warm.

Mr Thomas finished his work on both sky lights. He advises that all the spaces between
the lights he ~~scraped~~ lined with board & painted, or scraped & calciumized. The light in
the corner-galleries, is vastly improved.

Mr Elder (artist) called, & requested me to receive until 10 a.m. to-morrow an unfinished
portrait of Mr Corcoran, & at that hour to send it to Mr C's house.

Visitors 35 \$8.75 Cats. 3 75cts P. \$2.00

Nov. 24th.

Heavy rains last night & this morning. Bright afternoon.

Back & side cellars flooded.

A few leaks in the picture-galleries.

From Mr Bland a receipt for the photos. sent to the N.Y. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

On complaint of Miss E – examined the water-closet in the Ladies' Apartment, & found
one of them in a filthy condition.

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Wrote to Bierstadt, artist, N.Y. about the Corday negative—what had been done with it?
Mr Frank Bramhall, editor of the “Southern Guide”, obtained permission to examine the
art books.

Visitors 165 Catala 12 \$3.00 Photos \$1.50

Nov. 26

Letter from Mrs Shedd, and “Report on Ventilation” by Mr S. received.

Day opened wet, but clearing up & cool. Terrible freshets & destruction of property by
the late storm.

Mr Messer, artist, called to inquire about the point of drawing from casts ~~by~~ under a
master in Sculpture Hall.

Meeting of the Board called for at noon tomorrow at Mr Corcoran’s office.

Dr Jouy sent down the negative of the Corday, & it will be forwarded to Osgood & Co.
tomorrow. Wrote to Mr Edwards.

Letter from Mrs. M. V. Dahlgren requesting me to submit to the Art Committee, her
proposal to sell to this Gallery.

Healy’s full-length portrait of Marshal Soult, painted in 1838. Sent reply by Mr Nutt.
Visitors 15 \$2.50

Nov. 27

Cloudy & cool.

Rec’d from Mr Brady photographer, a full list of the Indians’ names for our photo of
them. Sent him a copy.

Rec’d acknowledgment of photos. from University of Va. & a catalogue of it.

Night exhibition to begin 2d Thursday of December

Meeting of the Board at Mr Hyde’s office for financial purposes –It ordered the night
exhibitions on the 2d Thursday in December.

Mrs Dahlgren sent a note stating she would be happy for myself, Dr Hall, & any Trustee
to call & see the “Soult” portrait.

Sent the negative of Charlotte Corday to Mr Edwards (Osgood & Co.

Mrs Vogl returned the “Lost Dogs” damaged.

Miss Stickney & Miss Benedict called, & I explained much of the Venue of Milo to
them.

Visitors 325 Catala 10 \$2.50 Photos. \$1.00

Nov. 28

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Mild & somewhat cloudy.

Note from Mr Corliss, Renn. Acady. Fine Arts, acknowledging ~~pho~~ the freight charges on
photos sent to him.

Frame from Hall & Harrison Phila. for "Pompeian Toilette". Sent for Lamb to see it. It
is excellent.

Rec'd photograph of Rogers Williams Monument from Mrs Shedd.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 28 \$7.00 Catal. 2 50cts. Photos \$2.00

Novr. 29.

Thanksgiving Day.

In consequence of a bronchial affection & the rough weather, rain & wind, I remained at
home to-day.

Dr Barbarin had to leave the Gallery from indisposition before the hour of closing.

Visitors 450 Catal. 13 \$3.25

Novr. 30

A strong northwest wind, after a very cold night < . . > ice formed.

Letter from Miss H. Ransom Vassar College, Poughkeepsie N.Y. inquiring about the
photo of the "Vestal". Sent list & price.

Mr Story sculptor his original mask of Washington by Houdon

Mrs. Capt. Wise & daughter, came with Mr Story, the eminent American sculptor, to
whom they introduced me. Mr S is a short, strong-built man of about 50 years of a
lovely temperament, & fluent in discourse – which is very interesting. His voice is very
deep & sonorous. He is delighted with the Gallery. He tells me that he has the original
mask of Washington by Houdon – It came into the possession of Mr Walsh (once counsel
at Paris) from him to a Mr Pettrich a German sculptor who was here 40 years ago, and
afterwards, died in Rome. From his family Mr Story bought the mask. He says it retains
some of the hair of Washington taken from the mould. Mr Story called later in the day &
met Dr Hall, (whom I had sent for) & went with him to call on Mr Corcoran.

Mr McGuire called.

Visitors 46 \$11.50 Cats. \$1.75 P. \$1.00

Dec 1.

Bright & cool, last night coldest of the season.

Bill rec'd from Hall & Garrison Phila (\$5.10) for the "Pompeian Toilette" from- very
moderate. Sent them a five-dollar bill & 10 cts in stamps.

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Note from Dr Barbarin, stating he was too unwell to come to-day & hopes to be back on Monday.

Mr Lamb called & approved the "Toilette" frame. Ordered Mr Lemmer to make 4 brass bits to hold the plaque, and Mr Scott took away the outer part of the frame to fit the glass. Dr Hall, Dr Hill, Miss Smith & two pupils came in.

The Board will meet Mr Story here at 11 o'clock on Monday. Mr. Ulke is to send up a portrait for exhibition.

Visitors 440 Catala 18 \$4.50 P. \$5.25

Dec. 3

Clear and cool. Dr Barbarin at his desk again.

Note from A. Bierstadt, stating he will be here in a few days, & will bring the Corday negative. Wishes to have the box ready to repack his Mt. Corcoran.

Rec'd printed list of pictures in Mr Olyphant's collection N. York. to be sold Decr. 18. It contains one of Kensett's finest works.

Mr Corcoran, Drs. Hall & Welling, Mr McGuire, Mr Cook, Mr Hyde, Profr. Henry met here at 11 o'clock for an interview with Mr Story who came at that hour. The meeting was agreeable. Mr Story's cultivated artistic taste made his conversation on art very interesting. Mr Corcoran was greatly pleased. After some conversation the party went through the galleries. Mr Story making suggestions about the character of many of the works. He is delighted with the Gallery as a whole & the building also. He advised that the pedestals in the niches outside be removed, & that 2d. quality of Carraro marble be used for the statues. He advises also that Michael Angelo & Titian – not Raphael be the central pair in front, & Painting & Sculpture at the corners. These are Ezekiel's ideas also. He thinks that the original Venus of Milo held a shield in the left hand, & that the famous bust of Clytie is wrongly named- that it should be Poppia- wife of nero, as the leaves below it are more like the poppy's - & the sun-flower is an American plant. Still the old classic story of Clytie's hapless love may be true, & ~~that~~ there may have been another kind of sunflower in those days different from ours.

Mr Ulke brought up to the Trustees Room, a portrait of Mrs New, & one of Spotted Tail.

Mr Taylor finished alteration of my desk, and hung in the Bronze Hall the Pompeian Toilettem which Mr Scott put under glass, after Lemmer had fastened the plaque to the frame.

Dr Jouy brought in some photographs.

Visitors 49 \$9.00 Catala 11 \$2.75

Decr. 4th.

Cool & cloudy.

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Hung Ulke's pictures in the Gallery.

Rec'd acknowledgement of Photos. from N.Y. Acad. of Design.

Rec'd receipt from Hall & Garrison for payment of frame.

H.K. Brown sculptor, called. Will be here someday.

Mrs. Duvall 1923 H. St. called about selling a picture representing a book on a board- list of pictures &c.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 240 Catalogues 20 \$4.96 P. 25cts

Dec. 5

Rain last night & this morning.

Card from K. Cornwallis, stating Frothingham's full length of Daniel Webster would be sold at auction by Leavitt, N. York on the 6th. to-morrow.

Sent a mounted photo & several unmounted ones to Bince (Appleton &Co).

Mr Thomas came & repaired window-weights.

Mr Worthington & sister (Mrs Philip) called. Gave copyists' cards to her & Miss Sophie Phillips.

The thumb & two fingers of the Polyhymnid were discovered to have been broken off, when or by whom, of course nobody knows – the worst of the matter is the broken part has been carried off- very trying.

Visitors 32 \$8.00 Cats. 9 \$2.25 P. \$9.75

Dec. 6.

Clear & cool after heavy rains last night.

Eloquent lecture on Art last night by Mr Story, before the leading men at Washington – He complimented Mr Corcoran, who was present.

Card of invitation to the Loan Exhibition by the Art Club.

Mr Corcoran and Miss Eustis came in.

Dr Hall called, also H.K. Brown sculptor & F.B. McGuire.

~~Hung~~

Sent Catalogue & note to Mr Story at Mrs. Wise's.

Thomas Donaldson ^132 N 40th. St.^ Phila. called to see about placing in this Gallery for safe keeping, picture of Hamlet by Cariss.

Visitors 315 Catalogues 4 \$1.00 P. \$6.00

Dec. 7

Clear and mild.

Rec'd from Boston, (Osgood &Co), proofs of Corday by Heliotype process. I was surprised that they represent the figure reversed. In other respects, they disappoint me, and are unfit to be issued in lieu of photographs.

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Mr Corcoran called also Dr Welling.

Mr P

Visitors 44 \$11.00 Photos. \$2.00

Decr. 8

Bright & pleasant.

Mr Walters called. He does not object to putting the ~~Japanese~~ B Milton Shield on the wall, like the "Pompeian Toilette. Mr Corcoran met him here.

A meeting of the Committee on works of Art. Met at Mr Corcoran's ^office^ at 1 o'clock. It was resolved that Messrs Walters & Riggs attend the Olyphant sale of pictures ^N.Y.^ on the 18th, and according to the resolution passed by the Board at their last meeting, purchase a Kensett landscape, or other work by an American artist. It was also understood that they would buy Hart's bust of Henry Clay in marble.

Dr Hall called.

18 large & 27 small shades are needed for chandeliers.

Visitors 625 Cats. 27 \$6.75 P. 50

Decr. 10

Bright and cold.

Letter from Mrs. H.P. Gray (widow of the artist) inquiring if this Gallery will receive for exhibition he husband's "Origin of the American Flag". Wrote to send it.

Mr Brown (sculptor) F. B. McGuire & Dr Hall came in.

Mr Corcoran called. He is very well & says Mr Huntington of N.Y. will send here his portrait of Mrs Tayloe of this city, and Mr C. wishes it to be placed in the Gallery above.

Mrs. Cole called to get copyist's card, & have two pictures admitted for exhibition. One is copy of Peale's Washington.

Visitors 35 \$8.75 Catal. 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$1.00

Decr. 11

Bright and pleasant.

Note from Mr Avery N.Y. requesting 3 mounted & 3 unmounted copies of the "Edict" – sent them.

Note from Fryer & Bendan Balt. requesting copy of Corday ^sent it^.

Sent off photos & letters to Mr Sartain & Loring.

Wrote to J. Sartain that Mr Corcoran was willing to give \$2500 for Charles 12.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran called – also Mrs. Yulee of Florida and Merrick. With them were the two gallant young officers Masters Young & Conway, who were saved from the wreck of the Huron, sloop of war.

Visitors 425 Catal. \$17 \$4.25

Decr. 12

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Bright and genial.

Letter from Mr Key – requesting his 2 small landscapes to be sent as freight to him, & wishing to know if the Gallery or Mr Corcoran will ~~give~~ take the largest picture, & pay for frame.

Mr Hackett sent for & got the legal paper he left 2 days ago.

Mr Coolidge (agent for Osgood & Co) called & took away a copy of our photo of Corday, with the Heliotype proofs to Boston. He proposed to have copies of all our photos. ~~to be~~ heliotyped & issued in book or portfolio form by Osgood & Co. with letter-press descriptions. For this purpose I gave him 25 photos to show to Mr Osgood.

Dr Barbarin left at noon on leave for the day.

Mr McMasters, artist, fresh from Paris, called and was delighted with the Gallery.

Mr Hyde called but could not stay to receive some members of the Education Convention now sitting in this City. They came & were greatly pleased.

Visitors 57 x 22 \$14.25 Cats. 5 \$1.25

Decr. 13.

Bright and balmy.

Messrs. Corcoran, Hall & Mills (sculptor) called.

Acknowledgement of Photos. from Penn. Academy of Fine Arts.

Mr Wheeler reported that the number of globes ↑large↓ needed for the chandeliers cannot be had here or in Baltimore. He has sent to New York.

Key's view of "Golden Gate"

Mr Corcoran accepts Key's Golden Gate.

Dr Sewall, an old friend came in.

At night the attendance upon the first evening exhibition was rather small, but select.

Visitors (Day) 435 Catalogues 27 \$6.95 P. \$12.25

Visitors (Night) 167 \$14.30 Catalogues 10 250

Decr. 14

Bright, cool & bracing.

Miss Jennie Young called about facilities for photographing our ceramics. Gave her photo of "Arita" Case. Went with her to the President's House to see a pair of vases once belonging to Franklin.

Mr Smilie is taking the "Marching Regiment".

Mr Corcoran called- also Dr Hall.

Mr Riggs consents to pay Mr Key price of his frame on the "Golden Gate" picture.

Visitors 52 \$13.00 Cats. 12 \$3.00 P. 75cts

Decr. 15

Bright and pleasant.

J.S.A Blankman, Corcoran Building No. 52. writes that he has a picture 4 ft square,

"Death of Genl. Montgomery at Quebec"

Went to see Healy's portrait of Marshall Soult (1838), a striking figure in good condition.

Price not given by Mrs. Dahlgren. It represents the lame leg of the Marshal prominently.

He told Healy to see that his honors were not concealed.

Sent off Key's landscapes, & wrote him that the frame of the "Golden Gate" would be paid for.

Mr Smilie took another negative of "Regiment" Mr Corcoran, Dr Hall. (over)

Visitors 455 Catalogues 11 \$2.75 P. \$3.00

Decr. 17

Bright and warm.

Note from Mr Avery N.Y. enclosing small photograph of Boughton, artist, also rec'd from him a large ditto. He requests an unmounted or mounted photo (trimmed) of "Fun & Fright" to be sent him. Sent it, with letter.

Mr Corcoran called.

Mr Smilie came to try a better negative of the "Edict", but was prevented by cloudiness.

Postal from D. R. Thompson Supt. Pub. Instruction, Lincoln Nebraska, asking for published reports &c of this Insitution.

Visitors 57 \$13.25 Catal 6 \$1.50 P. \$4.00

Decr. 18

Bright & cool. Yesterday the thermometer is thus reported in this vicinity and distant points.

[The following is the text of a newspaper clipping pasted into the journal entry for this day.]

The thermometer yesterday registered the temperature in Baltimore as follows: 7 A. M., 44; 12 M., 59; 2 P. M., 62; 4.37 P. M., 61; 9 P. M., 59; 11 P.M., 58. The range was 41 before daylight to 63 in the afternoon.—Westerly and southwesterly winds. The temperature throughout the country at 4:37 P. M. was as follows: Baltimore 61, Philadelphia 51, New York 51, Boston, 54, Cincinnati 62, St. Louis 67, Vicksburg 73, (the highest reported,) New Orleans 67, Leavenworth, Kansas, 61, Nashville 68, Eastport 41, Pembina, Dakota, 35, the lowest, three above freezing point.

Received a present of "Funeral of a Memory", from McWhite a photo from Bridgman's though Mr T.J. Hudson.

Note from Miss Ransom, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie N.Y. enclosing check for \$13.50 for fifteen copies of "Tuccia".

Sent to Dr Jouy for 10 copies.

Mr Corcoran called, also Admiral Poor & friend.

Opened an a/c for stationary with Boardman, Corcoran Building.

Sent off 16 photos of Tuccia to Miss Ransom by express.

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Visitors 355 Cats. 14 \$3.50 Pa \$1.00

Decr. 19

Bright & pleasant.

Mr Smilie's negative of the Edict, a success. To-day he succeeded also with the "Pompeian Toilette".

New lettering on the Japanese case of instrument &c.

Figured pane broken in the Octagon Room.

Card from S. V. Albee Pittsburgh, wishing to know if we have Wm Charles' Indian ink drawings of Remesus? replied, we had, & it is ready for delivery.

Wrote to Geo. S. Torrance Persia P.O. Caltaraagus Co. NY. in answer to a note about prices & terms of photographs, enclosing our printed list.

Wrote to S. R. Thompson. Supt Pub. Instruction at Lincoln, Nebraska, inquiring for our published reports &c, that we had none save, Deed & Charter & Cataolgue.

Visitors 41 \$9.25 Catalogues 9 \$2.25 \$14.00

Dec. 20th.

Bright & mild.

Note from Mr Sartain acknowledging photographs. He had also informed the owner that \$2,500 were offered for the painting of Charles XII. Will let us know the reply.

Note from Mrs H.W. Sanborn 45 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, enclosing \$2.00 for a Charlotte Corday (with stamps). Wrote to know if she wished the larger copy, the smaller being one one dollar.

Letter from Mr Key accepting offer of \$80. for frame of "Golden Gate", & enclosing bill for the same.

Huntington's Mrs. Tayloe

Note from Mr Huntington, artist, N.Y. stating he has sent by express yesterday, portrait of Mrs Tayloe of this city. Picture arrived at noon. A beautiful work though representing Mrs T. 25 years younger than she now appears. Mr Corcoran came with Miss Robinson & at once he ordered Mr Smilie to photograph it, unknown to Mrs. T.

Dr Jouy brought proofs of the "Regiment", & of the new negative of Boughton's "Edict"-all too dark. Smilie is to try again the latter.

Genl. & Mrs. Beach, Hartford, & Dr Hall, called.

Mr McGuire called.

No word of the Olyphant picture sale.

Mr Tiffany sent a note calling attention to M's vases of "pale tender" (over) night exhibition. Owing to the carelessness of the men putting the new attachment to the meter, a rent was made in one of the fastenings, and the building was filled with gas, a few they left at 6 o'clock. The Janitor came to my house about it, greatly alarmed, and soon after Thomas (fireman) came & explained the trouble. I sent him at once for a gas-fitter, & one (most fortunately was found who reached the Gallery soon after I got there, and in

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half and hour had temporarily stopped the leak, and the building was lighted in time to open it to the public at 8 p.m.

Visitors 255 \$24.50 Catalogues 17 \$4.25

Visitors Day 275 15 3.75 P. 9.40
530 \$24.50 32 8.00

Dec. 21.

Mild & cloudy.

Last night at the closing of the Gallery, Mr Riggs came in & stated the results of the ~~visit~~ attendance if himself & Mr Walters at the auction of the Olyphant Collection of pictures N.Y. Six pictures were bought- Kensett's "Autumn on Lake George"- Gray's "Judgement of Paris", Cole's "Hurricane"- Kensett's "Genesee River"- "2 wails" by Tait and "A Dog's Head" by Hayes. Olyphant's collection was exclusive by American, & very select. The first of the Kensett's is considered the greatest picture he ever painted.

Saw Mr Hyde about the meter, and after he had conversed with Mr Adams, the latter was allowed to repair it, which was done, & the gas-apparatus is considered all right. Mr Adams ~~called &~~ is to witness the effect of the improvement on next Thursday night.

Hung Mrs Tayloe's picture in the Gallery.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called. The latter objects to sending out the "Edict" to be photographed.

Sent 3 mounted "Edicts" to Mr Avery, & wrote him.

Dr Hall sent the "N.Y. Herald" containing an account of the picture sale.

Visitors 28 \$7.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$4.00

Dec. 22

Cloudy and cool.

Note from Mrs Sanborn, enclosing 50cts ^more^ for largecopy of Corday.

Sent it by express, & wrote to her.

Letter from Mr Walters requesting Cole's "Hurricane" to be hung at once & high.

Mr Adams called & acknowledged that his workman wrenched the meter & caused it to leak. Sent postal card to Mr Walters.

Sent to Mr Key check for \$77. for frame of "Golden Gate."

Wrote to Mr Huntington that his portrait of Mrs Tayloe had arrived, & requesting a carte de visite photo of himself.

Sent postal & catalogue to Mr Sartain.

V. 328 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$7.00

Dec. 24

Raw, drizzly with rain last night.

Letter from A. S. Albee with order from G.S. Charles for drawing of "Remesus", by express. Sent it & wrote to Mr Albee by postal.

Miss Jones called & said Mr Corcoran had rec'd proofs of Mrs Tayloe's pictures.

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Dr Jouy brought proofs of "Pompeian Toilette", Drs. Hill & Hall called.
V. 31 \$7.50 C. 1 25cts P. \$2.00

Dec. 25

Christmas Holyday. Weather raw & drizzly.

Dec. 26

Mild & cloudy.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Randolph called. He asked to make a brief sketch of the St. Memin portraits, to be given to visiting friends. He mentioned some facts about the pictures ^in the West gallery^ never knew before. The "Fanny Essler" by Begas, he says, was painted for the king of Prussia. The Mt. Washington by Kensett~~ton~~ was painted for Martin, artist in London, who painted the portrait of Mr Corcoran of ^from^ which the steel engraving in our room is taken.

Mr R. Taylor of Poughkeepsie, called & admired the gallery.

Pictures from Olyphant's Sale

Dr Hall called, & at 3 p. m. 4 boxes of pictures from Mr Olyphant's sale n N.Y. arrived, excepting the Genesee River landscape by Kensett, which will soon come. We had but time to get the "Lake George by Kensett, before closing but the gloomy light was unfavorable to a satisfactory view.

Certified Mr Smilie's last bill.

Dr. Hall requested ^me^ to call Mr Riggs' attention to the engraved landscape of the Roman Campagna, from J. G. Chapman, who wishes to sell the painting.

V. 52 \$13.60 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$5.00

Dec. 27

Mild & cloudy.

Pictures from the Olyphant sale

The pictures all taken from the boxes. The "Lake George" is a superb landscape, sivilled with the color & hazy light of an Autumnal sunset. The "Judgement of Paris", is one of the noblest ^modern^ works in composition & color. These two are in fine condition. The "Tornado" by T. Cole, 1831, is sublime as ever "Savage Rosa dash'd". It was painted in London, & exhibited in the Royal Academy. The "Dog's Head" by Hayes is perfect: the "Quail & Young" by "Tait" are nature's self. The Tornado" needs varnish. Mr Corcoran admires most the "Paris"- next the "Tornado", & the "Kensett", least of all. Mr Riggs & Dr Hall approves the position I have selected for the Tornado.

Mr Corcoran's 79th birthday

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Mr Corcoran completed to-day his 79th year. I have never seen him in better spirits, and he called again with a lady of fine presence & beauty. I read to him a letter from Mr Sartain expressing surprise over the extent of the collection, & wishing he may live long & enjoy it.

Mr Sartain sent several papers on art education, & will send also the date of T. Sully's death.

Mrs Dahlgren sent a note from Mr Healy, stating that he got \$1,000 for his portrait of Marshal Sauls.

V. (day) 820 C. (day) 36 \$9.00 P. \$3.25

V. (night) 418 \$40.80 C. (night) 28 7.00
1238 64 \$16.00

Dec. 28

Bright and pleasant.

Hung Cole's "Tornado" over his "Departure" next to Mr Corcoran, & lifted the "Flower-piece over the latter.

Genl. Beach & wife, Mr & Mrs Merrick, Dr. Hall, the Messrs McGuire, and Mr Yashido, Japanese minister came in, and admired the pictures (new) very much.

Lieuts. Williams & ~~Murdoch~~ obtained copyists cards.

Dr Hall approves the hanging of the "Tornado" & "Tornado".

Mr Smilie took an unsuccessful negative of the Judgement of Paris.

Dec. 29

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Smilie made new attempts to photograph the "Judgement of Paris", but not satisfactorily. He thinks he cannot do better.

Dr. Hall, Messr. Worthington, Cranch & Fisher called.

The last of the pictures from Olyphant's sale "High Bank of the Genessee" by Kensett, arrived at noon. It is a very ordinary picture for any artist to produce. This complete the lot.

"Autumn afternoon on Lake George" by J.F. Kensett, 1864 \$6,350

"Judgement of Paris, or Apple of Discord" by H.P. Gray 1874 3,000

"Quail and Young" by Tait 120

"Head of Bull Dog" by Hayes 140

"High Bank of the Genessee River" by J.F. Kensett 1,300

"The Tornado" by Ths. Cole 1831 850

\$11,760

Dec. 31

Monday. Bright & cool but pleasant; after northeast storm of wind & rain all of yesterday & last night.

Letter from Mr Bierstadt. He will be here after New Year's Day, & bring the Corday negative. He objects to photographing the Mt. Corcoran, as it is already photographed.
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Mr G.W. Fosberg applies to copy Kensett's "Lake George."—already!

Rec'd box from S.P. Avery N.Y. containing engraved portrait of A. B. Durand & J. F. Keissett, presented by him to the Gallery. Acknowledged them.

Mr Corcoran called & did not like the "Genesee" at all. At his request I called at his house after closing. He asked what the cattle-piece by De Haas, lately exhibited here, was held at. I told him the price was \$5,000, but that Mr Walters intimated it could be got for \$3,000. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the "Genesee", and thought the purchases made at Olyphant sale by Mr McCoy for his partner Mr Walters, were far superior to those bought for the Corcoran Gallery, excepting the "Judgement of Paris."

Mr Smilie succeeded in getting a good negative of the "Edict of" Wm. the Testy".

Dr. Hall, Joseph McGuire & wife called.

V. 67 \$16.75 C. 6 \$1.50

End of 1877.